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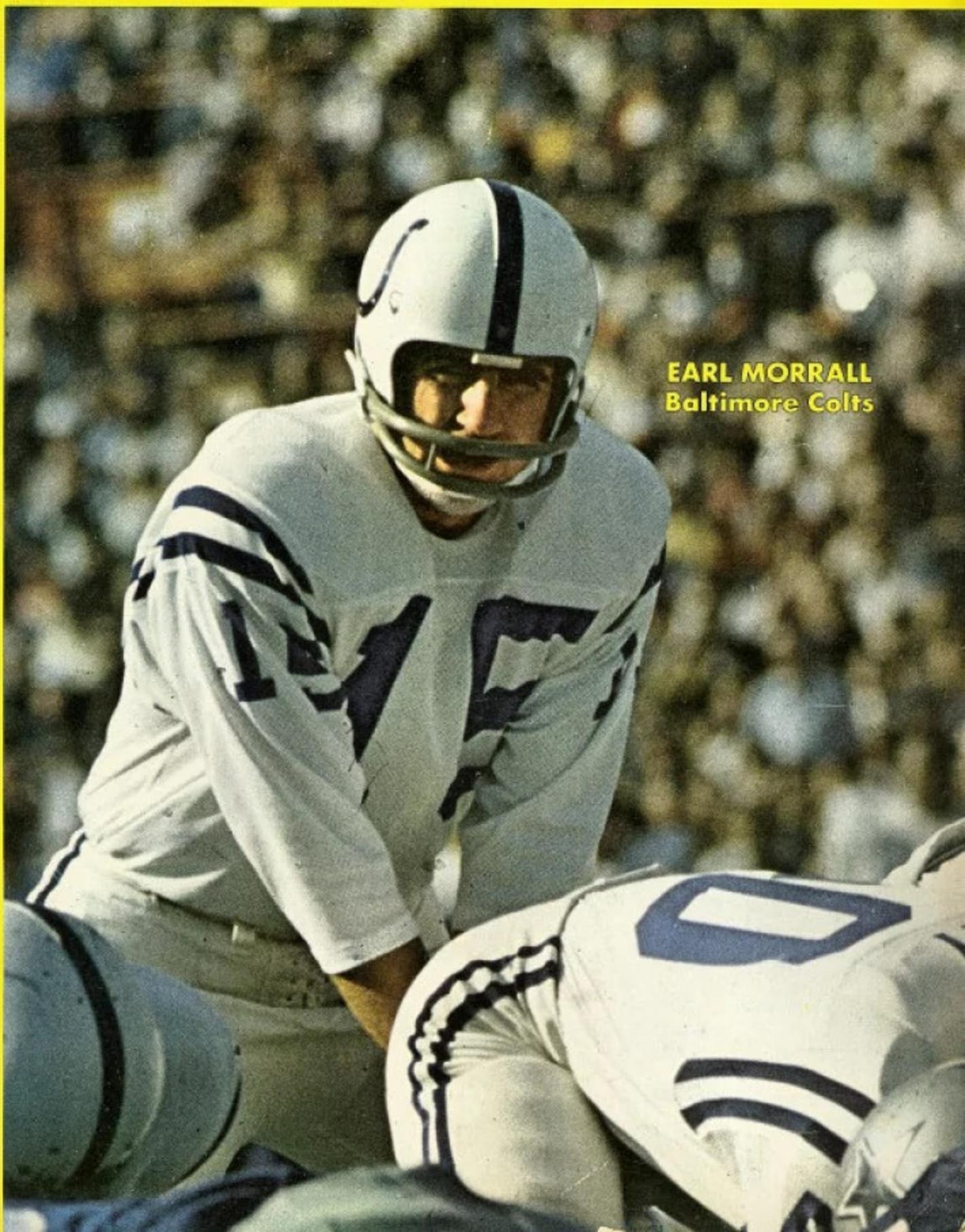
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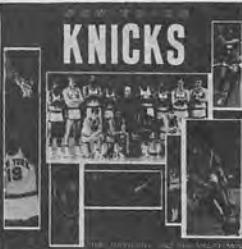
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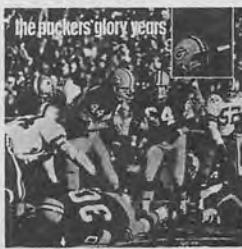
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Baltimore—O'Brien, 16-yard field goal.

**SECOND QUARTER**

Baltimore—Bulaich, 2-yard run, O'Brien kick.

Oakland—Blanda, 48-yard field goal.

**THIRD QUARTER**

Baltimore—O'Brien, 23-yard field goal; Bulaich, 11-yard run, O'Brien kick.

Oakland—Biletnikoff, 38-yard pass from Blanda, Blanda kick.

**FOURTH QUARTER**

Baltimore—Perkins, 68-yard pass from Unitas, O'Brien kick.

Oakland—Wells, 15-yard pass from Blanda, Blanda kick.

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

Baltimore Rushing—Bulaich, 22 carries for 71 yards; Nowatzke, 8 for 32 yards; Hill, 5 for 12 yards; Unitas, 2 for 9 yards; Havrilak, 1 for 2 yards.

Oakland Rushing—Dixon, 10 carries for 51 yards; Smith, 9 for 44 yards; Hubbard, 3 for 12 yards.

Baltimore Passing—Unitas, 11 of 29 for 245 yards, 1 TD.

Oakland Passing—Lamonica, 1 of 4 for 6 yards; Blanda, 17 of 32 for 271 yards, 2 TDs, 3 interceptions.

Baltimore Receiving—Hinton, 5 for 115 yards; Jefferson, 3 for 36 yards; Perkins, 2 for 80 yards; Mackey, 1 for 14 yards.

Oakland Receiving—Wells, 5 for 108 yards; Biletnikoff, 5 for 92 yards; Dixon, 3 for 15 yards; C. Smith, 2 for 21 yards; Chester, 2 for 36 yards; Hubbard, 1 for 5 yards.

**TEAM STATISTICS**

	Baltimore	Oakland
First downs	18	16
Rushing yardage	126	107
Passing yardage	237	229
Return yardage	122	70
Passes	11-29	18-35
Passes intercepted by	3	0
Punts	6-47	5-40
Fumbles lost	0	1
Penalties, yards	10	20

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**NFC CHAMPIONSHIP**

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**SCORING****FIRST QUARTER**

San Francisco—Gossett, 16-yard field goal.

**SECOND QUARTER**

Dallas—Clark, 21-yard field goal.

**THIRD QUARTER**

Dallas—Thomas, 13-yard run, Clark kick; Garrison, 5-yard pass from Morton, Clark kick.

San Francisco—Witcher, 26-yard pass from Brodie, Gossett kick.

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

Dallas Rushing—Thomas, 27 carries for 143 yards; Garrison, 17 for 71 yards; Welch, 5 for 27 yards; Reeves, 2 for minus 12 yards.

San Francisco Rushing—Willard, 13 for 42 yards; Cunningham, 5 for 14 yards; Thomas, 1 for 5 yards.

Dallas Passing—Morton, 7 of 22 for 101 yards.

San Francisco Passing—Brodie, 19 of 40 for 262 yards.

Dallas Receiving—Garrison, 3 for 51 yards; Thomas, 2 for 24 yards; Rucker, 1 for 21 yards; Ditka, 1 for 5 yards.

San Francisco Receiving—Washington, 6 for 88 yards; Cunningham, 4 for 34 yards; Windsor, 3 for 70 yards; Witcher, 3 for 41 yards; Willard, 2 for 22 yards; Kwalick, 1 for 7 yards.

**TEAM STATISTICS**

	Dallas	San Fran.
First downs	22	15
Rushing yardage	229	61
Passing yardage	90	246
Return yardage	31	5
Passes	7-22	19-40
Passes Intercepted by	2	0
Punts	6-40	5-41
Fumbles lost	0	0
Penalties, yards	75	51

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**SUPER BOWL**

At Miami, Jan. 17, 1971

BALTIMORE	0	6	0	10-16
DALLAS	3	10	0	0-13

**SCORING****FIRST QUARTER**

Dallas—Clark, 14-yard field goal.

**SECOND QUARTER**

Baltimore—Mackey, 75-yard pass from Unitas, kick blocked.

Dallas—Clark, 30-yard field goal; Thomas, 7-yard pass from Morton, Clark kick.

**FOURTH QUARTER**

Baltimore—Nowatzke, 2-yard run, O'Brien kick; O'Brien, 32-yard field goal.

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

Baltimore Rushing—Bulaich, 18 carries for 28 yards; Nowatzke, 10 carries for 33 yards; Unitas, 1 for 4 yards; Havrilak, 1 for 3 yards; Morrall, 1 for 1 yard.

Dallas Rushing—Thomas, 18 carries for 37 yards; Garrison, 12 carries for 65 yards; Morton, 1 for 1 yard.

Baltimore Passing—Unitas, 3 of 9 for 88 yards, 1 TD, 2 interceptions; Morrall, 7 of 15 for 147 yards, 1 intercepted; Havrilak, 1 of 1 for 25 yards.

Dallas Passing—Morton, 12 of 26 for 127 yards, 1 TD, 3 interceptions.

Baltimore Receiving—Jefferson, 3 for 52 yards; Bulaich, 1 for 5 yards; Nowatzke, 1 for 45 yards; Havrilak, 2 for 27 yards.

Dallas—Receiving—Hayes, 1 for 41 yards; Thomas, 4 for 21 yards; Reeves, 5 for 46 yards; Garrison, 2 for 19 yards.

**TEAM STATISTICS**

	Baltimore	Dallas
First downs	14	9
Rushing yardage	69	104
Passing yardage	260	113
Return yardage	159	65
Passes	11-25	12-26
Passes Intercepted by	3	3
Punts	4-41.5	9-38.6
Fumbles lost	4	1
Penalties, yards	44	120

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By Hugh Brown

Sports columnist Hugh Brown of Philadelphia Bulletin is expert analyst of pro scene.

No, I did not see Jim Thorpe in 1911 when he kicked four field goals—the finale a 50-yarder—and score a touchdown to beat Harvard single-handedly, 18-15. Nor did I see Charley Brickley in 1913, when he, too, single-handedly—pardon, single-footedly—kicked five field goals for Harvard to whip Yale, 15-5.

But over the last 35 years, I have seen most of the great three-point producers — Ken Strong of the Giants, Ben Agajanian of any number of pro teams, Bob Waterfield, Rams; Lee Artoe, Bears; Cliff Patton, Eagles; Lou Groza, Browns; Pat Summerall of the then-in-Chicago Cardinals and more recently, George Blanda, Oakland's indestructible 43-year-old backup quarterback; Jan Stenerud, Kansas City's Norwegian import; Jim Bakken, Cardinals; Pete Gogolak, Giants; Cincinnati's Horst Muhlmann (origin Germany); Garo Ypremian (origin Cyprus),

who flunked with Detroit and made it at Miami; the Vikings' steady Fred Cox; the Colts' Super Bowl savior, Jim O'Brien; Bruce Gossett, the ex-Ram turned 49er; and, oh, yes, Tom Dempsey, the club-footed Saint, who snuggled in among the greats with a 63-yard, record-breaking three-pointer that crushed the Lions on the last play of the game last season.

Violence, they say, is the name for football. For the beef in the meat grinder, yes; for the kickers, no. Pressure, yes, for the kickers. At times, intense pressure.

"We loved the way he handled pressure," said Dick Bielski, himself no mean kicker in his day, referring to O'Brien, the Colts' rookie kicker.

"I personally watched him walk on the field sedately and kick a 42-yard field goal in college (Cincinnati) with only five seconds left," Bielski added.

# Kick 'em

"That guy never flinched."

O'Brien, who displaced the veteran left-footer, Lou Michaels, signed for about \$20,000 as No. 3 draft choice. From the Super Bowl, he took \$25,000. It didn't matter that he flubbed a point-after and was short on a 52-yarder. But it did matter that with five seconds left, he kicked a 32-yarder that frustrated the Dallas Cowboys.

After one year, O'Brien is certainly not the greatest. Time is the test tube of the place-kicker. The greatest, then, of the current crop, could be Blanda, 21 years in the test tube; Baaken, eight years; Pete Gogolak, seven years; and Stenerud, five. And a niche please, for Fred Cox, who has been booting 'em handsomely for the Vikings for nine seasons.

At \$40,000 last season, Blanda, the only heavy-duty man among the place-kickers as a backup for Daryle Lamonica, was the most underpaid. Gogol-

GEORGE BLANDA, with DARYLE LAMONICA holding, shows combined form that scored 36 XPs and 16 FGs in 1970.



# When They're Down

ak, who hauled in around \$32,000, figures he spends about three minutes on the playing field, which puts him in the \$11,000 a minute class. Baaken's pay is pegged at around \$35,000; Stenerud's \$5,000 more.

Antique furniture grows more valuable with age; but very seldom do antique humans. If Blanda were, say, a stripling of 33, he could demand \$80,000. But he's 43-going-on-44, and he'll probably settle for 50 grand, which is chicken feed based on last season when:

With eight seconds left, and the Chiefs trailing the Raiders, 17-14, Old George kicked a 48-yard field goal with the wind in his face to cement a tie and give Oakland first place in the AFC West.

Next week, with Cleveland leading, 20-13, and four minutes to go, Blanda went in as quarterback and drove the Raiders 69 yards to a score. With seven sec-

onds left, he reverted to place-kicker and booted a 52-yarder for a 23-20 victory.

Two weeks later, the score tied, 17-17 in San Diego, the Raiders moved to the Chargers' 11. Lamonica let 28 seconds run down to 7. Whereupon, Blanda kicked a 19-yard field goal and the Raiders won, 20-17.

Blanda, O'Brien and Bakken are orthodox kickers, meaning they meet the ball with their foot straight-on. Gogolak and Stenerud are soccer-style kickers, meaning they come at it from the side with their instep. Four years ago, Bakken said of the soccer-style kickers, "they're a fad; they're on their way out." What a foul prophet he turned out to be. Just recently, the American pros held a massive test for European soccer kickers in London. NFL training camps could be flooded with broken English and Cockney accents.

Pete Gogolak was first to

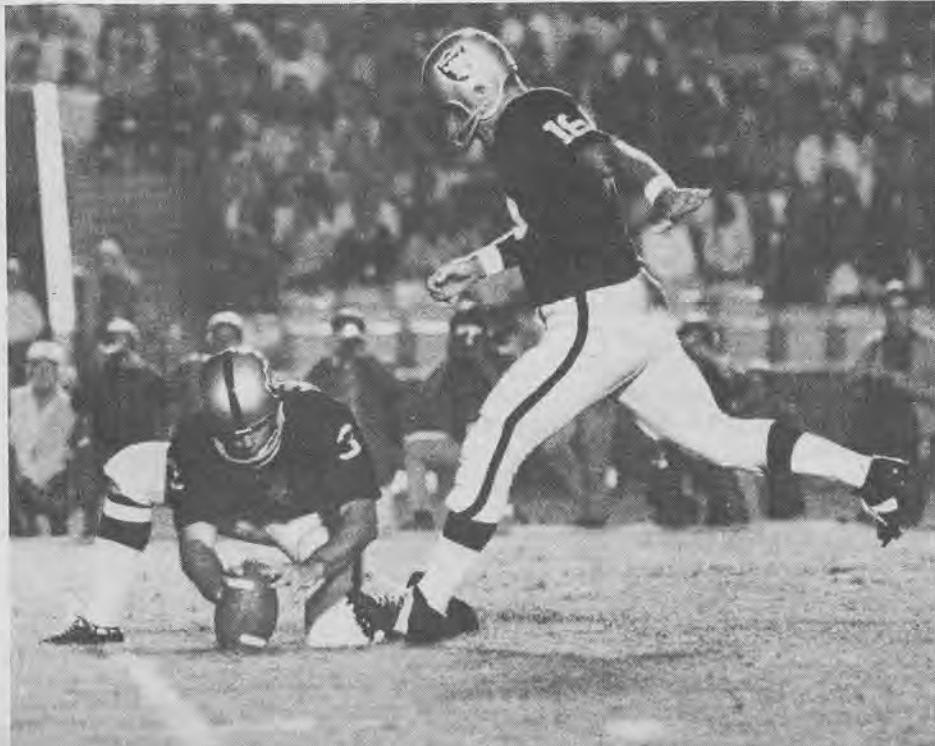
break the barrier, but he got a whiff of American football at Cornell. Stenerud got his indoctrination at Montana State. All soccer kickers seeking to break the European bondage of small pay and long hours, should build a monument to Jan. For not only is the 6-3, 187-pound Norseman a three-pointer par excellence, he also kicks off into or near the end zone high and twirly.

When the Chiefs are down, the best of the soccer-style place-kickers lifts them up. Especially in 1969, when he kicked the Chiefs over Buffalo twice with five field goals in two different games, and then went on to kick 16 consecutive three-pointers. And in the Super Bowl that followed, Stenerud took the starch out of the Vikings with three straight field goals, one a 48-yarder.

The Colts, creaking with age, credited the 22-year-old O'Brien with providing the winning margin.

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BLANDA has kicked 190 consecutive extra points; 422 points in four years at Oakland and 1561 points in 21 pro years.



## NFC FINAL-1970

## Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
Dallas	10	4	0	.714
N.Y. Giants	9	5	0	.643
St. Louis	8	5	1	.615
Washington	6	8	0	.429
Philadelphia	3	10	1	.231

## Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
San Francisco	10	3	1	.769
Los Angeles	9	4	1	.692
Atlanta	4	8	2	.333
New Orleans	2	11	1	.154

## Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
Minnesota	12	2	0	.857
*Detroit	10	4	0	.714
Chicago	6	8	0	.429
Green Bay	6	8	0	.429

\*Fourth qualifier for playoffs

## PLAYOFF

Dallas	5	Detroit	0
San Francisco	17	Minn.	14



## NFL

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## PREDICTIONS

## Central Division

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2. Detroit
3. Green Bay
4. Chicago

## Western Division

1. San Francisco
2. Los Angeles
3. Atlanta
4. New Orleans

## Eastern Division

1. Dallas
2. St. Louis
3. Washington
4. New York
5. Philadelphia

This year as the National Football League moves into its 52d season, one thing makes it different from the first 51: the prospect of six close pennant races.

Not long ago this was a two-division league, with at most two races. For many years, in fact, it was a one-division league.

In 1970, for the first time, there were six NFL divisions; but as hostilities began last September, the pennant races did not seem uniformly competitive. For example, it was widely believed 12 months ago that, in three of the six divisions, Dallas, Minnesota and Cleveland would run away from their pursuers.

In the happening, it didn't work out quite that way. Only one of the three, Minnesota, breezed. Dallas labored, and Cleveland fell. But last year the thing that was different, by comparison with today, was the leaner sense of anticipation. Today, in the six divisions, you expect six fights.

So this is what 1971 in pro football is all about.

Typical NFL mysteries this year are visible in the East, both varieties, NFC and AFC, where the fighting could last all year.

At first glance, the Dallas Cowboys might seem to be the class of the NFC East, but their quarterback problems bring them back to St. Louis, Washington

and New York. Though the Cowboys have been equipped with the league's stoutest defense, they have not shown enough offense lately to count on outscoring the Cardinals or Redskins or even the Giants.

The offensive impotence of the Cowboys was nationally exhibited in the playoffs last winter when they were all out to overwhelm Detroit, 5-0. Later, they scored only one touchdown in the Super Bowl. They are a known quantity. By contrast, St. Louis and Washington, under new coaches, have unknown potential. A hot year for either will dislodge Dallas.

In the AFC East, the competition is even more severe. The three contenders have suffered the three hardest blows in the league this year—John Unitas' injury in Baltimore, George Sauer's defection from the New York Jets and Joe Theismann's flight from Miami tightening up a close race.

The two Central Divisions have likewise set the stage for trouble. In the NFC Central, the top two, Minnesota and Detroit, can be placed one-two in the NFL's pre-season rankings. The Vikings, like Dallas, must prove that they have championship quarterbacking; but otherwise, this is pro football's solid team. By comparison, Detroit has more brilliance in more positions—

and Detroit has a quarterback, too, Greg Landry, the NFL comer at his position.

It is uncertain which of them can beat the other, Detroit or Minnesota, but each ought to be favored in all remaining starts.

In the AFC Central, the team solving its quarterback puzzle (Cleveland or Cincinnati) should have the inside track. A healthy Greg Cook could put Cincinnati in, and Virgil Carter might, unless Bill Nelsen comes back at Cleveland or Mike Phipps takes charge. The best bet of the four is Nelsen.

Both Western Divisions are full of fight again. San Francisco seems smoothest in the NFC West, but Los Angeles has Roman Gabriel. This race, indeed, is like that in the NFC Central. San Francisco has Detroit's brilliance. Los Angeles and Minnesota seem more substantial.

In the AFC West, the fighters again are Oakland, Kansas City and San Diego plus Denver. The team that eventually beats the other three in this division will be the one with the most quarterbacking consistency and the most injury luck.

In the last days before the first games of 1971, the AFC West seems the most competitive of the NFL's six divisions. As a committee of one, I can't pick the winner. There is no way I will be surprised by the eventual champion. Assuming it's Oakland (the defending champion), the AFC could well be represented in the playoffs this winter by the Raiders, Browns, Jets and Colts.

The Jets are the pick here in the AFC East. If the Colts are the second-place team in the

# National Conference

playoffs it will be because the Western contenders kill each other off. The Browns are the Central choice for no better reason than a doubt that Paul Brown's Cincinnati expansion team can repeat.

In the NFC, the four playoff representatives could be repeaters from last year—the Vikings, Lions, 49ers and Cowboys. Minnesota is the most certain of the four, as either champion or runnerup in the NFC Central, probably champion. San Francisco and Dallas are less likely champions of West and Central.

The Jets and Vikings are picked to win the championships of the two conferences. Both have been in the Super Bowl before, and experience is an advantage in getting there. (Three of the NFL's 26 teams—Green Bay, Kansas City and Baltimore—have made the Super Bowl twice. Sixteen of the 26 have never made it.)

As for the Super Bowl champion this time, this is Minnesota's year.

Otherwise, 1971 will be remembered as the year of the new coach. Of pro football's 26 head coaches, who 12 months ago

were running NFL camps, nine have departed—most of them by request.

The job, in other words, is so hazardous in this era of increasing Super Bowl pressures that the casualty rate was 35 per cent in one year.

A recent survey showed that in terms of field leadership, the NFL has become a restless league all around. In addition to nine new coaches, there are 50 new assistant coaches.

These 59 changes represent a turnover rate of 38 per cent in less than a year—probably the highest in America for any profession except those affected by such economic pressures as the depression and automation.

Of the nine new NFL coaches, four are in the AFC, five in the NFC. They were recruited as follows:

- Two were hired away from other NFL staffs. Bob Hollway, a Minnesota assistant, went to St. Louis. Ed Hughes, a 49er assistant, was named by Houston.

- Two assistants were promoted by their own teams, John Mazur of Boston and Nick Skorich of Cleveland.

- Two college coaches were

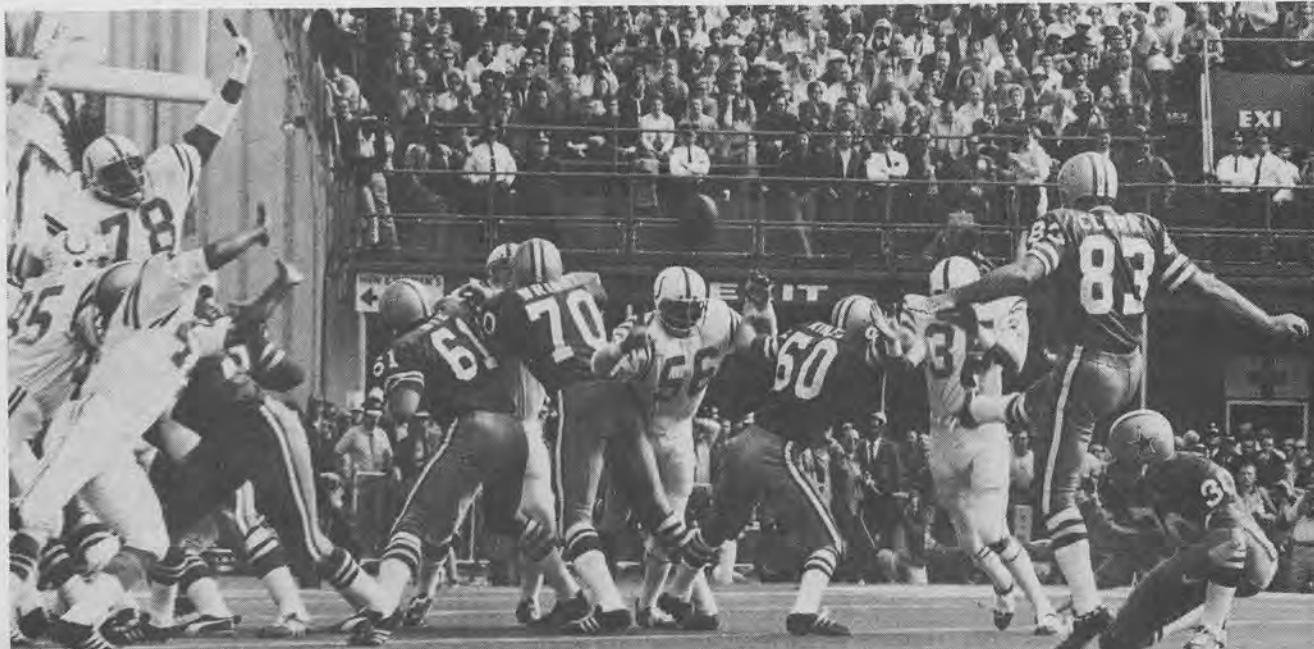
brought in, Tommy Prothro of UCLA (by Los Angeles) and Dan Devine of Missouri (by Green Bay).

- George Allen went from Los Angeles to Washington. Sid Gillman of San Diego went back into coaching. J.D. Roberts went from a New Orleans farm to the Saints.



CRAIG MORTON passed for Dallas' TD in Super Bowl. Completed 102 in '70.

KICKING COMBO of MIKE CLARK and DAN REEVES holding accounted for 7 Cowboy pts. Below Mike hits 14-yarder.



# MINNESOTA VIKINGS

## PREDICTION—1st

In the fifth year of Bud Grant, the Minnesota Vikings have already become what the old Minnesota Gophers used to be under Bernie Bierman—perennially the team to beat. This is an interesting echo to ancient history. Gopher opponents of the 1930s used to fear the Minneapolis machine in exactly the same sense that Viking opponents fear it.

The Vikings, like the Gophers under Bierman, are "percentage fighters," in the phrase of Bill McGrane, whose father once covered the Gophers. Grant's offense "attacks carefully, with a hard-nosed attention to detail." The defense is "not satisfied just to attack people. It overwhelms them." So did the Gophers.

There was very little color, comedy, drama or excitement to the Minnesota attack against, say, Michigan in the old days. On the contrary, the Gophers deliberately took the drama out—they deliberately cut down and buried a Tom Harmon. The reputation of Harmon as a football player, if it depended on his games against Minnesota, would not have hurdled the boundaries of Washtenaw County.

The Vikings, too, make sure that nobody makes All-Pro against them.

On offense the Gophers plodded and the Vikings plod. Here's Grant, today, using words that Bierman might have used:

"Some teams are willing to bet it all every time they get the ball. They feel they have to get something on the board. We might take the ball and punch it out to the 35 or 38-yard line and then punt it down into the other end and tell the defense to get it back."

There could not be a larger difference in philosophy between Grant and, for example, Tommy (Big Play) Prothro of Los Angeles than Grant indicates in the

**H. P. "BUD" GRANT, Coach.**  
Assistants: Bus Mertes, John Michels, Jerry Burns, Jack Patera, Neil Armstrong, Jocko Nelson.



GENE WASHINGTON goes high for pass as Packer grabs his legs. During last season Gene provided Viking scoring threat with 44 receptions, 702 yards, 4 TDs.

following evaluation of his 1970 team:

"I guess a lot of teams had bigger yardage and bigger average by gambling—by taking chances. In a given situation, we might be looking for a first down and possession. They might be looking for 40 yards on one play and a chance to get back in the game. One thing about the big averages: they don't show all of the fumbles and interceptions and other mistakes that go along with them."

When this is a coach's philosophy, his team is not likely to entertain. Football clubs that get 40 yards on one play are more interesting to watch than those just "looking for a first down and possession." But it is unfortunately true that Grant's way is more likely to win than the big-play way. Grant's approach is similar to that of the late Vince Lombardi and to that of George Allen. Big-play coaches have more trouble winning.

The chief asset of the Vikings,

of course, is not their ball-control offense but their smothering defense, particularly their front-four rush and their zone-defense philosophy. This is one of the league's two best defensive teams and it has some figures to prove the point:

In each of the last two years, the Vikings have finished 12-2 in the standings, the finest won-lost record in the pros. They out-pointed those opposing them, 714 to 276, in 1969-70. In Grant's four seasons with the Vikings, they have won three Central Division titles, one Western Conference title and one NFL title.

As a football coach, Grant has finally reached that exalted point where he must not only win again in 1971, but win the Super Bowl in the end, or fall victim to the charge that he "can't win the big one."

This is the melancholy refrain that accompanies all winners (Tom Landry, Don Shula, Al Davis, George Allen) who are outgunned in the final championship game. It is meaningless—but it is heard. Grant will hear it this year if he doesn't win.

Accordingly, this is the year of a big push in Minnesota, and the Vikings have never seemed more ready for a decisive charge than they are now. They have added a fine quarterback, Norman Snead from Philadelphia, who might be the Y.A. Tittle of the 1970s. And defensively, their key players still have obvious



DAVE OSBORN, 8th in NFC, set team pace for rushers with 681 yards, 5 TDs.

youth at the same time they have achieved extreme unity.

The heart of Minnesota is the front four: ends Carl Eller and Jim Marshall, tackles Alan Page and Gary Larsen. Individually, few are excelled at their positions in the conference; together they are extraordinary. They are the most compelling reason why Minnesota usually wins.

The linebackers, Roy Winston, Lonnie Warwick and Wally Hilgenberg, "have discipline, intelligence and experience," as

Grant says, "and they've got one more thing going for them—unity. You never see one but what you see all three of them. They hunt and fish together, they socialize together, they talk football together."

Seeking speed in the secondary, Grant has moved Charlie West to a corner, teaming with Bobby Bryant — and leaving Steady Eddie Sharockman in reserve. Karl Kassulke has been coming strong at strong safety. Paul Krause is among the most reliable of football's free safeties.

The only defensive weakness is depth at linebacker. Neither the line nor secondary has this problem. Grant feels he is first in the league in reserve linemen with Paul Dickson and last year's No. 1 draft choice, John Ward, and first in secondary depth with Sharockman and Dale Hackbart.

Offensively there is less brilliance, perhaps, but no lack of the similar "hard-nosed types" that Grant prefers and that Bierman preferred, using another cliche. Grant's runners would be typical of any good Bierman team: Dave Osborn, Oscar Reed, Bill Brown, even Clinton Jones. The only one with style is Jones, who nonetheless lists as a power runner. Rookie Lee Hayden, from Ohio State, is another Jones.

The quarterback last year was Gary Cuozzo, a fine passer. Grant's intimates say he is privately hoping Snead takes over.



NORM SNEAD, a fine field general, was obtained from Philadelphia Eagles.



GARY CUOZZO one of a tested trio, gives Minnesota quarterback depth. Gary clicked with 128 aerials for 1720 yards and bag of 7 TDs. Ranked 11th in NFC.

If this position is somewhat in doubt, the candidates are mature and skilled.

Of Minnesota's wide receivers, Grant is completely happy only with Gene Washington, who combines good speed and fair moves with a knack for timely high jumping. On the other side, the Vikings now have Al Denson, from Denver. John Henderson may be underrated by the Minnesota coaches because he is not a born sprinter. Chances are that if Washington were a step faster, Henderson would seem fast enough. Bob Grim is in reserve.

Grant has this to say of his blockers, (tackles Ron Yary, Grady Alderman, Doug Davis; guards Milt Sunde, Jim Vellone, Ed White, and center Mick Tingelhoff):

"Much of the intelligence on our football team is centered in the offensive line."

Of Yary, Grant says: "If he isn't already the best offensive tackle in the game, he's mighty close."

These statements jibe with those of Minnesota's opponents. Yary is apparently the coming

superstar blocker of football, a man who, like Gene Hickerson of Cleveland or Forrest Gregg of Green Bay, will make the All-Star lists routinely each winter. And the key to Minnesota's offense as a whole is sophisticated blocking. Intelligence is not only expected but required of a Grant lineman, ironically compensating for the lack of brilliance in the attack.

In conformance with the adage that good teams have good kicking, Minnesota's Fred Cox ranks with the more consistent field goal men active today. The No. 3 quarterback, Bob Lee, has been the punter, although Grant will try to get more distance out of rookie Ken Duncan.

Minnesota starts its 11th NFL year with a record of 64-69-7. Most of the 69 are mementoes of the Norm Van Brocklin era. In any case, this is the last year that Minnesota will ever be an under .500 team (lifetime)—at least in the Grant era. He could make Minnesotans forget Bernie Bierman, and there was a day not long ago when that thought was unthinkable.



CLINTON JONES, 7th in kickoff returns, returned 19 for 452 yards in '70.

#### VIKINGS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs.	College
67	Alderman, Grady	T	6-2	247	32	12	Detroit
87	Beasley, John	TE	6-3	228	26	5	California
30	Brown, Bill	RB	5-11	228	33	11	Illinois
20	Bryant, Bob	DB	6-1	170	27	4	So. Carolina
17	Cappleman, Bill	QB	6-3	210	24	2	Florida St.
14	Cox, Fred	K	5-10	200	32	9	Pittsburgh
15	Cuozzo, Gary	QB	6-0	195	30	9	Virginia
71	Davis, Doug	T	6-4	250	27	6	Kentucky
76	Dickson, Paul	DT	6-5	250	34	13	Baylor
81	Eller, Carl	DE	6-6	247	29	8	Minnesota
27	Grim, Bob	WR	6-0	195	26	5	Oregon St.
	Hackbart, Dale	DB	6-3½	220	33	10	Wisconsin
49	Hargrove, Jim	LB	6-3	223	26	4	How. Payne
35	Harris, Bill	RB	6-2	204	25	3	Colorado
80	Henderson, John	WR	6-3	195	28	7	Michigan
58	Hilgenberg, W.	LB	6-3	229	29	8	Iowa
52	Jones, Clint	RB	6-0	205	26	5	Mich. St.
29	Kassulke, Karl	DB	6-0	195	30	9	Drake
89	Kramer, Kent	TE	6-4	235	27	5	Minnesota
32	Krause, Paul	DB	6-3	200	29	8	Iowa
77	Larsen, Gary	DT	6-5	261	31	7	Concordia
19	Lee, Bob	QB	6-2½	195	26	3	Pacific
70	Marshall, Jim	DE	6-4	248	33	12	Ohio St.
55	McGill, Mike	LB	6-2	235	27	4	Notre Dame
66	Meylan, Wayne	LB	6-0	235	25	4	Nebraska
41	Osborn, Dave	RB	6-0	208	25	7	No. Dakota
88	Page, Alan	DT	6-4	245	26	5	Notre Dame
32	Reed, Oscar	RB	6-0	222	27	4	Ohio State
45	Sharockman, Ed	DB	6-0	200	31	10	Pittsburgh
16	Snead, Norm	QB	6-4	215	32	11	Wake Forest
64	Sunde, Milt	LB	6-2	250	29	8	Minnesota
53	Tingelhoff, Mick	C	6-2	237	31	10	Nebraska
63	Vellone, Jim	G	6-2½	250	27	6	So. Cal.
83	Voigt, Stu	TE	6-1	220	23	2	Wisconsin
72	Ward, John	DE	6-4½	259	23	2	Okla. St.
59	Warwick, Lonnie	LB	6-3	238	29	7	Tenn. Tech
84	Washington, G.	WR	6-3	208	26	5	Michigan
40	West, Charlie	DB	6-1	197	25	4	El Paso
62	White, Ed	G	6-2½	262	24	3	California
60	Winston, Roy	LB	5-11	222	31	10	La. State
73	Yary, Ron	T	6-5½	255	25	4	So. Cal.

#### Pre-season Games

Aug. 8	NEW ENGLAND
14	AT San Diego
21	CHICAGO (N)
28	AT Pittsburgh
Sept. 4	AT Denver
11	MIAMI (N)

#### 1971 SCHEDULE

	1970 Scores
Sept. 20	AT Detroit (N)
26	CHICAGO
Oct. 3	BUFFALO
10	AT Philadelphia
17	AT Green Bay
25	BALTIMORE (N)
31	AT N.Y. Giants
Nov. 7	SAN FRANCISCO
14	GREEN BAY
21	AT New Orleans
28	ATLANTA
Dec. 5	AT San Diego
11	DETROIT
19	AT Chicago

	1970 Scores
Sept. 20	30-17
26	16-13
Oct. 3	—
10	—
17	10-13
25	—
Nov. 7	—
14	10-3
21	26-0
28	37-7
Dec. 5	—
11	24-20
19	24-0

#### ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Clements, Vince	RB	6-0	212	23	Ohio St.
Duncan, Ken	P	6-2	195	25	Tulsa
Edmonds, Greg	WR	6-3	185	22	Penn St.
Fairley, John	DE	6-2	243	23	J. C. Smith
Fry, Bennie	C	6-3½	231	25	Houston
Gallagher, Jim	LB	6-2	200	22	Yale
Hackett, Eddie	WR	6-1	205	22	Alcorn A&M
Hayden, Leo	RB	6-0	212	23	Ohio St.
Holmes, Reggie	DB	5-11	182	26	Stout St.
Mack, Gene	LB	6-2	222	22	El Paso
Morris, Chris	G	6-2	230	22	Indiana
Patton, Jerry	DT	6-3	260	25	Nebraska
Sullivan, Tim	FB-LB	6-2	225	23	Iowa
Walker, Mike	LB	6-2	234	22	Tulane
Wright, Jeff	DB	5-11½	190	22	Minnesota
Zaunbrecher, G.	C	6-2	235	24	L.S.U.



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# DETROIT LIONS

## PREDICTION—2nd

Of the 26 teams in the NFL, it is possible that the Detroit Lions are the most brilliant. It is probable that they are the team of the 1970s. They are a team with more quality at most positions than probably any other.

At draft time in all the recent winters, a combination of savvy and luck has made Detroit into a potential powerhouse.

As of the 1971 season, this young powerhouse may not quite get to the top. In terms of 1971, it has three problems, which are in the following order of importance:

1—The Lions are in the same division with Bud Grant and Minnesota. There are few coaches in Grant's class today, and he has a great team under him.

2—Detroit's only personnel weakness (by comparison with Minnesota) is in the defensive line—and this is not the best place to rank behind Minnesota or any other power.

3—The Lions are not yet a mature team. Rather, they are definitely not as mature as they are going to seem in another couple of years. This is evident at several key positions and it is conspicuous at quarterback.

Greg Landry, Detroit's young quarterback find, is starting his fourth year in the NFL; but he is only 24, and moreover he has yet to put in a full season as a pro. He started 1970 as the No. 2 man behind Bill Munson.

Landry, however, is a quarterback of unsurpassed potential. He is a man who, as they say, can do it all. At 6-4, he has the height that has been seen to be essential for a quarterback since the advent of Roman Gabriel, and in addition he has many of the skills and much of the speed of an NFL running back. Only one quarterback in the NFC today (Roger Staubach of Dallas) is a better runner than Landry.

**JOE SCHMIDT, Head Coach.**  
*Assistants: Bill McPeak, Jim David, Jim Martin, Chuck Knox, John North.*



GREG LANDRY hands off to ALTIE TAYLOR who rushed for 666 yards in '70. Landry, who is considered one of the most promising in pros, completed 83 passes.

Landry, finally, throws the ball well, calls the plays well and leads the troops well. Perhaps all of this should be qualified—the young man hasn't been around long enough to make any evaluation of him stand up 100 per cent in a court of law—but he does seem to have what it takes to play quarterback on a championship team.

If he is not quite a pin-point marksman on the 40-yard home run, he has company today in that weakness. Even Sonny Jurgensen and Joe Namath complete few bombs any more.

Landry symbolizes the Detroit team: young, strong, clever. He is surrounded by perhaps more

brilliance than any other quarterback can boast of.

The Detroit talent department starts with Mel Farr, Altie Taylor, Steve Owens and Nick Eddy in the backfield. It includes a tight end, Charley Sanders, and a wide end, Earl McCullouch. And defensively, it includes a great cornerman, Lem Barney; three rough linebackers, Paul Naumoff, Mike Lucci and Wayne Walker, and tackle Alex Karras. And generally speaking, the other Lions, except in the front row, are in that class.

Dick LeBeau, for instance, is a wise cornerback. Mike Weger has been a Detroit find at safety. And with Barney and safetyman

Tommy Vaughn, they constitute one of the NFL's prize secondaries.

The linebackers are a blend of everything you want in that department: Naumoff, the young (26) bull; Walker, the creative 33-year-old veteran, and Lucci, one of the NFL's great middle linebackers.

The problems, which really aren't serious, are in the defensive line, where the four players are merely competent. From left, they are Joe Robb, 34, or Jim Mitchell, 23; Karras, 36; Jerry Rush, 28, and Larry Hand, 31.

The offensive line, by comparison, is one of the finest in the league, pivoting on center Ed Flanagan, who is flanked by guards Chuck Walton and Frank Gallagher and tackles Roger Shoals and Rockne Freitas.

At the five touchdown positions, Detroit can combine runners Farr and Taylor with catchers Sanders, McCullough and Larry Walton, with Landry at quarterback, backed up by the 30-year-old veteran, Munson.

Coach Joe Schmidt, as of the start of training camp, is listing Farr and Owens at fullback. One of the possibilities is that, if both men avoid injuries, Farr will run some at halfback in the same backfield with Owens. In any

case, they and Taylor will all play, and it is inconceivable that Eddy will be anything but a participant. The four of them add up to a greatly gifted backfield department if all escape injuries.

In the recent past, this has been an injury-plagued backfield, which is a fact that doesn't necessarily foretell the future.

As a leader, Schmidt is one of the NFL's least-experienced coaches, but he has pretty well proved in the last couple of years that he has the understanding of a seasoned coach. Despite an unsettled quarterback situation, Schmidt has posted records of 9-4-1 and 10-4 in these two seasons. Moreover, he reached the Super Bowl tournament last December and only lost (in Dallas) because of the inexperience of his players, including his young quarterback, under championship pressure. It takes a year or two to accommodate to that kind of pressure. Even Vince Lombardi lost his first grab for the brass ring.

It's time to acknowledge that Schmidt is a football coach. For one thing, he has no illusions about his problem area—the defensive line.

Last year, Schmidt admits, "we tackled the other team's quarterback only 23 times in 14

games. We must improve our penetration and at the same time eliminate anything that gives the other guy more time to spot his receivers."

Continuing, Schmidt says: "We were the No. 1 team in the NFC at stopping the rush. Same thing in the passing department. We intercepted 28 passes to tie



FRANK GALLAGHER, 245-pound guard, foils charge of pair of rival defenders.

TOUGH TRIO of Lions walk off field together. Left to right it's WAYNE WALKER, 6-2, 228 linebacker; MIKE LUCCI, 6-2, 230 linebacker; ALEX KARRIS, 6-2, 250.



DICK LeBEAU, alert cornerback, set interception pace with 9 for 96 yards.



for the top. But we gave the passer too much time to throw the ball."

It will be a long-range project to change this trend, Schmidt says, pointing out: "We completely reversed ourselves in the draft (this year). Four of our first five selections were defensive players. Fact is, when we picked defensive tackle Bob Bell from Cincinnati, it was the first time in 14 years, dating all the way back to 1958, that we pulled out a defensive player as a first round choice."

Thus the draft has been adopted by Detroit as the remedy. And the draft remedy takes a lot of time.

"Not that we expect rookies to move right in," says Schmidt, "and replace great veterans like Karras, Robb, Walker, LeBeau and others who have been around for a spell. But by accenting the defense in the draft, we feel we have come up with young players who can be groomed this season to move in for some action in 1971 and be ready for bigger things a year or so from now."

The rookie candidates for the defensive line include, besides Cincinnati's Bell, Tony Terry of USC and Larry Woods of Tennessee State. A new linebacker, Charlie Weaver of USC, is being counted on to move in for Walker some time in the next five years.

Detroit's kicking game satisfies Coach Schmidt.

"We are in fine shape in the kicking department," he says, "with (place-kicker) Errol Mann scoring 101 points (in 1970) for the second straight year and hitting from all distances with great accuracy. Herman Weaver (the Detroit punter) came to us as a rookie last year. He really came along and wound up with a 40-yard average with very good hang-time on his punts. He hung 'em up so good that of his 62 punts, only 20 were returned—and even then for an average distance of less than four yards."

Schmidt is confident. Detroit is ready. As the NFL heads into the 1970s, there are more than 20 franchises that would trade with Detroit today—squad for squad.

#### 1970 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

<b>SCORING</b> —Mann, 101 points on 41	
<b>XP, 20 field goals</b>	5th
<b>RUSHING</b> —Farr, 166 carries for 717	
yds., 4.3 Avg., 9 TDS	7th
<b>PASSING</b> —Munson, 84 in 158 at-	
tempts for 1049 yds., 10 TDs	8th
<b>RECEIVING</b> —Sanders, 30 receptions	
for 544 yds., 6 TDs	18th
<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b> —LeBeau, 9 for 96	
yds., 10.7 Avg.	1st
<b>PUNTING</b> —Weaver, 62 punts, 40.0	
Avg., longest 65 yds.	7th
<b>PUNT RETURNS</b> —Barney, 25 for 259	
yds., 10.4 Avg., 1 TD	3rd
<b>KICKOFF RETURNS</b> —Williams, 25 for	
544 yds., 21.8 Avg., 1 TD	11th

#### Pre-season Games

Aug. 7 N.Y. Jets, Tampa, Fla. (N)  
14 CINCINNATI (N)

22 Baltimore at Ann Arbor, Mich.

28 AT Miami (N)

Sept. 4 BUFFALO (N)  
12 AT Philadelphia (N)

**1971 SCHEDULE**                    **1970 Scores**

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Oct. 3 ATLANTA —

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17 AT Houston —

24 CHICAGO 28-14

Nov. 1 AT Gr. Bay (Mil.) (N) 40-0

7 AT Denver —

14 LOS ANGELES 28-23

21 AT Chicago 16-10

25 KANSAS CITY —

Dec. 5 PHILADELPHIA —

11 AT Minnesota 20-24

19 AT San Francisco 28-7



LEM BARNEY returned punts for 259 yards and also intercepted 7 passes.

#### LIONS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs.	Pro	College
20	Barney, Lem	CB	6-0	188	26	4	Jackson St.	
81	Brown, Charlie	WR	6-2	195	23	2	No. Ariz.	
86	Bergum, Bob	DE	6-6	250	24	1	Wisc. St.	
87	Cotton, Craig	TE	6-4	222	24	3	Youngstown	
52	Cottrell, Bill	C	6-2	255	27	5	Del. Valley	
	Cunningham, C.	LB	6-3	240	27	5	Houston	
40	Eddy, Nick	RB	6-1	207	27	4	Notre Dame	
24	Farr, Mel	RB	6-2	210	26	5	UCLA	
54	Flanagan, Ed	C	6-3	245	27	7	Purdue	
76	Freitas, Rockne	T	6-6	280	26	4	Oregon St.	
68	Gallagher, F.	G	6-2	245	28	5	No. Carolina	
72	Gioch, Dan	DT	6-4	265	27	3	California	
74	Hand, Larry	DE	6-4	250	31	7	Ap'chian	
80	Haverdick, D.	DT	6-4	245	24	2	Morehead	
85	Hughes, Chuck	WR	6-0	180	27	5	El Paso	
71	Karras, Alex	DT	6-2	250	36	13	Iowa	
66	Kowalkowski, B.	G	6-3	240	27	6	Virginia	
11	Landy, Greg	QB	6-4	205	24	4	Mass.	
44	LeBeau, Dick	CB	6-1	185	34	10	Ohio St.	
53	Lucci, Mike	LB	6-2	230	31	10	Tennessee	
12	Mann, Errol	K	6-0	200	30	4	No. Dakota	
46	Maxwell, Bruce	RB	6-1	220	24	2	Arkansas	
25	McCullough, E.	WR	5-11	175	25	4	USC	
*57	Miller, Terry	LB	6-2	225	25	1	Illinois	
83	Mitchell, Jim	DE	6-3	245	23	2	Va. State	
82	Mooney, Ed	LB	6-2	225	26	4	Tex. Tech	
19	Munson, Bill	G	6-2	210	30	8	Utah St.	
50	Naumoff, Paul	LB	6-1	215	26	5	Tennessee	
23	Odle, Phil	WR	5-11	195	28	4	Brig. Young	
36	Owens, Steve	RB	6-2	220	23	2	Oklahoma	
47	Rasmussen, W.	S	6-2	180	29	7	S. Dak. St.	
67	Rasley, Rocky	G	6-3	250	24	3	Oregon St.	
84	Robb, Joe	DE	6-3	245	34	12	TCU	
82	Rush, Jerry	DT	6-4	265	28	7	Mich. St.	
88	Sanders, C.	TE	6-4	235	25	4	Minnesota	
42	Taylor, Altie	RB	5-10	196	23	3	Utah St.	
38	Tripplett, Bill	RB	6-2	215	31	9	Miami (O)	
48	Vaughn, Tommy	S	5-11	190	28	7	Iowa St.	
55	Walker, Wayne	LB	6-2	228	33	14	Idaho	
63	Walton, Chuck	G	6-3	255	30	5	Iowa St.	
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18	Weaver, Herman	P	6-4	210	22	2	Tennessee	
28	Weger, Mike	S	6-2	200	25	5	Bowl. Green	
45	Williams, B.	CB	6-0	200	29	5	Central St.	
46	Wright, John	WR	6-0	195	25	4	Illinois	
75	Yarbrough, Jim	T	6-5	250	24	3	Florida	

\*Activated in 1970 but did not qualify as vet.

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Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Abercrombie, D.	RB	6-0	195	22	Tulane
Bell, Bob	DT	6-4	250	23	Cincinnati
Clark, Al	DB	6-0	181	23	E. Mich.
Coates, Ed	WR	6-1	200	22	Central Mo.
Franklin, H.	WR	5-11	175	23	USC
Harkless, C.	RB	6-2	218	22	Ark. AM&N
Harris, Frank	QB	6-2	195	23	Boston Col.
Hoey, George	DB	5-10	170	24	Michigan
Jolley, Gordon	T	6-5	230	22	Utah
Kutschinski, T.	DB	6-0	190	23	Mich. St.
Lee, Ken	LB	6-4	230	23	Washington
Lorenz, Tom	TE	6-3	213	22	Iowa State
Murrell, M.	DB	6-0	180	24	Calif. St.
Newell, Pete	G-DE	6-4	250	22	Michigan
Parson, Ray	T	6-4	245	24	Minnesota
Pilconis, Bill	WR	6-6	207	22	Pittsburgh
Terry, Tony	DT	6-3	250	24	USC
Thompson, D.	G-C	6-4	275	22	Clemson
Weaver, C.	LB	6-2	218	21	USC
Webb, Phil	DB	6-3	215	22	Colo. St.
Wheless, B.	T	6-4	250	23	Rice
Woods, Larry	DT	6-6	256	23	Tenn. St.
Zofko, Mickey	RB	6-3	195	22	Auburn

MEL FARR, 7th among NFC running backs, hit for 717 yards on 166 tries.

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# GREEN BAY PACKERS

## PREDICTION—3rd

Of the 13 NFC clubs last year, the Green Bay Packers ranked 13th in passing. For a team with Bart Starr at quarterback, this seems highly unlikely, but it happened, and one reason was Starr's injury. As for 1971, Starr's physical condition at the age of 37 provides one of the two big unknowns about Green Bay. The other is Dan Devine's coaching.

Devine, from Missouri, is one of a pair of college coaches jumping to pro ball this season. (He joins Tommy Prothro, the Rams' ex-UCLA leader, as the only college coaches to enter the NFL since Sid Gillman in 1955.) By every reckoning possible, Devine is an exceptional coach; but pro ball is different. And until Devine proves he can handle pro ball, he remains a question mark.

During 23 years with the amateurs, Dan made an enviable won-lost record (120-40-8)—third best in the nation. By reputation he is a devoted fundamentalist and strict disciplinarian, meaning that he at least understands the philosophy of winning in the pro league. But by comparison with his collegiate competition, the pro variety is hip deep in fundamentals and discipline—particularly in Devine's division, where Dan will have his troubles stealing a march on Bud Grant.

For example, the Vikings will be hard to wear down, and this is a fact Devine will shortly bump into. The other day, speaking of his plans to lash the Packers into peak physical condition, Devine said:

"I've never coached a team that didn't pride itself on owning the fourth quarter and I expect this team to feel the same way."

Minnesota also feels that way.

The schedule and quarterback Starr will have more to do with Devine's immediate future, no doubt, than Packer conditioning.

The new coach has drawn a difficult October schedule. Although he can start 3-0 against the Giants, Broncos and Bengals, his next four games include Detroit twice, Minnesota and Los Angeles. And subsequently, the Packers draw Minnesota again and St. Louis. This is not a championship schedule for a rookie coach.

As for Starr, there isn't a cannier or more courageous quarterback in the game today, there isn't a better field general and there are few better passers. But as Starr will admit, he hasn't lately proved that he can go 14 games.

Behind Starr, the Packers have Zeke Bratkowski, who has been

reactivated again this year—at the age of 39.

There is a sophomore quarterback, Frank Patrick of Nebraska, who stands 6-7, and there is a rookie, Scott Hunter of Alabama, the sixth draft choice.

After a four-year investment in Don Horn, the Packers have traded him away. Horn was recruited by the late Vince Lombardi, who had high hopes for him, but the youngster last year completed only 37 per cent of 76 passes.

The Green Bay backfield this year, Devine expects, will combine Donny Anderson with the first draft choice, John Brockington of Ohio State, 6-1, 225. History suggests that Ohio State

**BART STARR** gets set to pass as Chargers' Bob Bruggers (56) takes off on dive bombing missions. The Packer veteran completed 140 for 1645 yards, 8 TDs.



fullbacks are less than sensational as pros, but Brockington may be an exception.

Perry Williams, a very good one who has been in this business two years, may not let Brockington beat him out.

The greatest Packers alive today and playing on their offensive team are Carroll Dale, the flanker, and guard Gale Gillingham. Dale, 33, is an example of a pro who gets better with age. He kept the Packers in business last year. Other candidates for receiving positions are John Spilis and Jack Clancy. At tight end, John Hilton is still ahead of last year's top draft choice, Rich McGeorge.

Gillingham is the big man in a rebuilt line which includes center Ken Bowman, tackles Francis Peay and Dick Himes and the other guard, Bill Lueck.

Lionel Aldridge was on the defensive line last year with Bob Brown, Mike McCoy and Clarence Williams. But in the off-season, the Packers traded a quarterback (Horn) to get a well-regarded defensive lineman

from Denver, Alden Roche. Kevin Hardy, injury-plagued throughout his career, was dealt to San Diego.

From both lines, the famous Packer stars of yesteryear have largely disappeared. Forrest Gregg finally threw it in this winter after 13 years and Devine is not even bringing him back as a coach. Previously, the Packers had lost the Willie Davises, the Henry Jordans, the Kramers, the Skoronskis and the Kostelniks that Lombardi had welded together to bring Green Bay three NFL titles in a row.

Some of the new men may be players of more ability than the departed heroes. McCoy, for example, certainly has a large future to match his 285 pounds. But the winning ingredient of the old Packer lines was unity. Even where they were not players of unsurpassed skills, they worked together like a machine. They were a machine. And this is what Green Bay has mainly lost and what Devine must mainly rebuild.

He starts, unfortunately, with

two question marks in the three linebacking positions. It may be giving Ray Nitschke the worst of it to call him a question mark in the middle, but he is 34 years old. Before Devine departs the Packer environment, later in the '70s or '80s, he will almost certainly be obliged to develop a new middle linebacker. And replacing Nitschke will not be simple. In his prime he was one of the greatest, and he is not too far past his prime today.

The other question mark is Dave Robinson. At 30, Dave is still an All-Pro in ability, but he is coming back from achilles tendon surgery. Although the achilles tear was disastrous to Robinson's career, it need not be fatal. The point is that until he plays a few games, nobody will know about Robinson, and that's a shame. The NFL in his time has not fielded a more magnificent outside linebacker.

Fred Carr, however, is now coming up as one of the young geniuses in this position. At 6-5, Carr has the new height the coaches want at outside line-



DONNY ANDERSON averaged 3.8 on ground, punted 81 times, 40.8 Avg.



CARROLL DALE, 12-year vet, snared 49 aerials for 814 yards, pair of TDs.



WILLIE WOOD, 5-10 and 190 All-Pro, is veteran of 12 years at defensive back.

backer, and after three years in the league he now has some of the experience. Carr started slowly as a pro. There's a lot to learn for a youngster; and besides, Lombardi always wanted him at tight end. The great coach never had a great tight end—but that was not Carr's position. He is now in position. And with him on the field, Packer linebacking can hardly be judged weak.

The secondary, as a unit, is the best thing about the 1971 de-

fense in Green Bay. And in fact, it's the best of Devine's departments.

The Packers last year pulled in a fine new rookie cornerman, Ken Ellis. It is possible indeed that they fished in two ace cornermen, including Al Matthews, and they also have Bob Jeter there.

At safety there is the usual strength with Doug Hart and Willie Wood. In Packer publicity this spring Coach Devine (who doubles as general manager and runs a taut ship) authorized the use of the phrase "the incomparable Willie Wood." That just about sums up Willie—if you don't mind understatement.

So the Packers have some genius left on defense—Wood, Ellis, Robinson, Carr, Aldridge, McCoy and others. And with a healthy Starr they yield to none at quarterback. But this isn't the Green Bay team that made Lombardi famous.

Devine, when he took the job, may not have realized how much the club has changed. If the Packers are to bump Minnesota and Detroit this year, or any

year, and reclaim their old hold on pro football, they will have to do it with new personnel. The great divide has finally been passed in Green Bay. Only three years after Lombardi's departure with his second Super Bowl trophy, and only a year after his death, Lombardi's team is gone.

#### PACKERS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs.	Pro	College
82	Aldridge, L.	DE	6-4	245	30	9	Utah St.	
87	Amsler, Marty	DE	6-5	245	29	4	Evansville	
44	Anderson, D.	RB-P	6-3	210	28	6	Tex. Tech	
57	Bowman, Ken	C	6-3	230	28	8	Wisconsin	
61	Bradley, Dave	G	6-3	245	24	3	Penn St.	
12	Bratkowski, Z.	QB	6-3	215	39	14	Georgia	
78	Brown, Bob	DE	6-5	260	31	6	Ark. AM&N	
*53	Carr, Fred	LB	6-5	238	25	4	El Paso	
50	Carter, Jim	LB	6-3	235	23	2	Minnesota	
36	Carter, Mike	WR	6-1	210	23	2	Sacramento	
80	Clancy, Jack	WR	6-1	195	27	5	Michigan	
84	Dale, Carroll	WR	6-2	200	33	12	Va. Tech	
48	Ellis, Ken	CB	5-10	190	23	2	Southern	
68	Gillingham, Gale	G	6-3	255	27	6	Minnesota	
33	Grabowski, Jim	RB	6-2	220	26	6	Illinois	
*75	Gregg, Forrest	T	6-4	250	37	15	SMU	
25	Hampton, Dave	RB	6-0	210	24	3	Wyoming	
28	Harden, Leon	DB	5-11	195	25	2	El Paso	
*43	Hart, Doug	DB	6-0	190	32	8	Arlington	
77	Hayhoe, Bill	T	6-8	258	25	3	So. Calif.	
85	Hilton, John	TE	6-5	225	29	7	Richmond	
72	Himes, Dick	T	6-4	244	25	4	Ohio St.	
45	Hunt, Ervin	DB	6-2	190	24	2	Fresno St.	
21	Jeter, Bob	DB	6-1	205	34	9	Iowa	
*43	Jones, Henry	RB	6-1	235	25	2	Grambling	
30	Krause, Larry	RB	6-0	208	23	2	St. Norbert	
19	Kremser, Karl	K	6-0	180	26	3	Tennessee	
59	Kuechenberg, R.	LB	6-2	215	28	5	Indiana	
37	Livingston, D.	K	6-1	210	26	4	West. Mich.	
62	Lueck, Bill	G	6-4	235	25	4	Arizona	
29	Matthews, Al	DB	5-11	190	24	2	Tex. A&M	
76	McCoy, Mike	DT	6-5	284	23	2	Notre Dame	
81	McGeorge, Rich	TE	6-4	235	23	1	Elon	
70	Moore, Rich	T	6-6	280	24	3	Villanova	
66	Nitschke, Ray	LB	6-3	235	34	14	Illinois	
11	Norton, Rick	QB	6-2	190	28	6	Kentucky	
10	Patrick, Frank	QB	6-7	225	24	2	Nebraska	
71	Peay, Francis	T	6-5	250	27	6	Missouri	
89	Robinson, Dave	LB	6-3	245	30	9	Penn St.	
*67	Roche, Aiden	DE	6-4	255	26	2	Southern	
85	Spills, John	WR	6-3	205	24	3	No. Illinois	
15	Starr, Bart	QB	6-1	190	37	16	Alabama	
*67	Stith, Carel	C	6-5	265	26	4	Nebraska	
88	VanderSea, P.	DT	6-3	255	28	6	Mass. U.	
52	Walker, Cleo	LB-C	6-3	219	23	2	Louisville	
54	Walker, M.	C-T	6-4	250	28	6	Rice	
83	Williams, C.	DE	6-5	255	24	2	Pr. View	
31	Williams, P.	RB	6-2	219	24	3	Purdue	
*74	Withrow, Cal	C	6-0	240	26	2	Kentucky	
74	Wood, Willie	DB	5-10	190	34	12	No. Calif.	

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#### 1970 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

**SCORING**—Livingston, 64 points on 19 XP, 15 field goals ..... 18th  
**RUSHING**—Anderson, 222 carries for 853 yds., 3.8 Avg., 5 TDs ..... 4th  
**PASSING**—Starr, 140 in 255 attempts for 1645 yds., 8 TDs ..... 12th  
**RECEIVING**—Dale, 49 receptions for 814 yds., 2 TDs ..... 7th  
**INTERCEPTIONS**—Wood, 7 for 110 yds., 15.7 Avg. ..... 4th  
**PUNTING**—Anderson, 81 punts, 40.8 Avg., longest 62 yds. ..... 6th  
**PUNT RETURNS**—Wood, 11 for 58 yds., 5.3 Avg. ..... 16th  
**KICKOFF RETURNS**—Krause, 18 for 513 yds., 28.5 Avg., 100-yd. TD ..... 3rd

#### Pre-season Games

Aug. 7 Chicago at Milwaukee (N)  
 14 PITTSBURGH (N)  
 21 MIAMI (N)  
 28 OAKLAND (N)  
 Sept. 4 AT Cincinnati (N)  
 10 AT Buffalo (N)

1971 SCHEDULE	1970 Scores
Sept. 19 N.Y. GIANTS	—
26 DENVER (Mil.)	—
Oct. 3 CINCINNATI	—
10 AT Detroit	0-20
17 MINNESOTA	13-10
24 AT Los Angeles	21-31
Nov. 1 DETROIT (Mil.) (N)	0-40
7 AT Chicago	17-35
14 AT Minnesota	3-10
22 AT Atlanta (N)	27-24
28 NEW ORLEANS (Mil.)	—
Dec. 5 AT St. Louis	—
12 CHICAGO	20-19
19 AT Miami	—



LIONEL ALDRIDGE (hand raised) and RAY NITSCHKE try to stop pass.

#### ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	College
*24	Alwin, Lance	RB	5-11	215	Lawrence
*39	Bean, Wes	K	6-2	240	Grambling
42	Brockington, J.	RB	6-1	225	Ohio St.
*53	Brown, Donnie	G	6-0	235	E. Cent. St.
17	Brown, Henry	K	6-2	210	Missouri
47	Davis, Dave	WR	6-0	175	Tenn. A&I
79	DeLisle, Jim	DT	6-4	254	Wisconsin
45	Fountain, G.	DB	5-10	180	Missouri
35	Garrett, L.	TE	6-3	230	N. Mex. H'ds
20	Graham, Dewey	K	6-1	195	Maryland
58	Gunnels, Rick	LB	6-2	225	El Paso
*41	Hall, Charles	CB	6-1	195	Pittsburgh
63	Headley, Win	G	6-3	250	Wake Forest
63	Hendren, Greg	C	6-2	240	California
69	Houlton, Pat	DT	6-4	270	Humboldt
64	Hunt, Kevin	T	6-5	250	St. Norbert
16	Hunter, Scott	QB	6-2	205	Doane
27	Johnson, Jim	WR	5-10	175	Alabama
22	Johnson, Monty	DS	5-11	190	Bishop
*39	Jones, Curtis	LB	6-1	245	Oklahoma
49	Karpuk, Phil	LB-TE	6-5	230	Missouri
26	Lanier, John	TE	6-2	235	Wyoming
34	Maier, Jim	RB	6-0	210	Parsons
23	Martin, Jack	RB	6-2	205	St. Norbert
38	Matthews, CB-WR	P	5-10	190	San Angelo
*38	Mayer, Barry	RB	6-2	215	Pacific
*73	Melby, Russ	DT	6-4	250	Minnesota
56	Mitrakos, T.	DE-C	6-4	245	Weber St.
13	O'Dell, John	K	5-11	195	Pittsburgh
60	O'Donnell, J.	G	6-1	245	Parsons
40	Robinson, V.	DE-LB	5-11	195	Central St.
14	Scales, Joe	WR	6-1	202	Grambling
*74	Smith, Donnell	DE	6-4	245	Tenn. A&I
51	Spears, L.	DE-LB	6-5	225	Southern
*41	Watson, Jerry	DB	6-4	205	Moorehead
*75	Watson, Tom	T	6-3	225	Tex. Tech
*38	Webster, Tim	K	6-0	195	No. Mich.
32	Williams, G.	WR	5-11	186	Arkansas
					Boston U.

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# CHICAGO BEARS

## PREDICTION—4th

Those who studied the Chicago Bears closely last year were persuaded that this is one of the NFL's most improved teams. It's possible that the Bears need only two things to contend this season in the NFC's Central Division. The first is the joint collapse of Minnesota and Detroit; the second is the establishment of a straight-throwing take-charge quarterback.

In other words, the main thing wrong with the Bears is that the Vikings and Lions are too impressive. But even if the Vikes and Lions fall back a little, the Bears still need a leader. Bobby Douglass, their southpaw, is a top quarterback in most respects. He has the size and mind for the job; but he doesn't quite have the arm. Jack Concannon knows how to win, but as a passer Jack

probably ranks a bit behind Douglass.

George Halas, the owner, and Jim Dooley, his coach, probably should have seen some time ago that it was mandatory to seek out another quarterback. But Douglass is so close to the real article (like Marty Domres in San Diego) that it's only human to procrastinate and hope for the best.

In 1971, the Bears are coming up to the third year they've invested in Douglass. He'll show a little more this season, most likely, and so they'll invest a fourth and maybe a fifth year by and by. Meantime, Concannon is there, and dying to play, and playing pretty well when they do call him in. And so the Bears go along, from week to week and year to year, as a not-quite team still hoping for the best.

Defense is the Bears' bag, but

**JIM DOOLEY, Head Coach.**  
Assistants: Abe Gibron, Bill Austin, Jim Ringo, Bob Shaw, Perry Moss, Don Shinnick.

defensively last year they wound up only 11th in a 13-team conference. They were 12th against the pass. But so awesome is middle linebacker Dick Butkus, even with injuries, that the Bears were fourth in defense against the rush. On offense, they were the eighth best NFC passing team, but they were dead last running ball, and dead last in total offense.

So where have they improved?

To begin with, Gale Sayers is back. It was Sayers' injury that spun the Bears to the bottom of the board offensively last year. Second, Butkus is also back from off-season surgery. His knee wasn't quite what it should have been last year; the ligaments had been loosening up on him for 13 or 14 years. Third, statistics never tell an in-depth story; the Bears were better than their record in 1970 (6-8, for a share of



BOBBY JOE GREEN, 12-year vet, was 4th among NFC punters on 40.9 norm.



DICK GORDON topped NFL receivers with 71 for 1026 yards; 13 touchdowns.



GALE SAYERS as a wide receiver, is key man in Bears' bid for honors.

the Central cellar). And fourth, they have been quietly gathering some good personnel in the last few years, some potential stars who can be expected to make a unified contribution finally this fall.

Dick Gordon, for example, was a sixth draft choice out of Michigan State in 1965, the year Chicago drafted Butkus and Sayers 1-2. Had Gordon been selected by a team with a John Unitas or Roman Gabriel throwing, he might today be as famous as Sayers and Butkus. In any case, as a wide receiver, he has much of their ability, as he proved last fall when he caught 71 to lead both conferences. Gordon's yardage and touchdown totals in 1970 were 1026 and 13, and he is not a one-year flash. A man who can catch 71 passes on that team is genuine.

The Bears also have three other competent veteran catchers (Jim Seymour of Notre Dame, underrated George Farmer of UCLA and shifty Linzy Cole of TCU) but to build a solid winner in Chicago, they should probably team Gordon and Sayers as wide receivers this fall. Sayers' second crippling injury in three years knocked him out of football last season, in September. As a halfback, he will always attract a crowd. As a wide receiver, he would at least start most plays in the open. He would last longer out there. Although the Bears have not indicated a position change for Sayers, they have to be thinking about it.

They drafted backs this winter 1-2, Joe Moore and James Harrison, the Missouri backfield last fall. With Moore, Ron Bull and others, they can be adequate in the backfield with Sayers at end. They're also adequate in the offensive line with Howard Mudd, Bob Hyland, Jim Cadile, Rich Coady, Glen Holloway and other familiar blockers.

Add up their offensive personnel and key it to Sayers and Gordon at ends, with a Joe Moore of presumed skills in the backfield, and the Bears could be a threat offensively if they could design a new kind of attack for Douglass. He doesn't have the

look of a man who could ever take a team to the championship with dropback passes. This is a classic situation for a rollout offense, which might be the Bears' best chance this year; it's hard to think of anything else that could surprise Minnesota or Detroit.

Douglass, who has the obvious tools to run a rollout offense, would be able to keep the weak-side defense honest with either Sayers or Gordon over there—and he has the personal strength to deliver the throwback pass that way. If it seems that he would be risking injury unnecessarily as a running quarterback, here are two comments: (a) Douglass was a dropback passer last year when he broke his hand; (b) if Douglass goes down, Concannon is another good candidate for the quarterback's job in an unconventional pro offense.

Defensively, the Bears are a team playing the game the way it should be played. They're hungry, mean and unified. They play defense as a team, as if they're having fun. This, no doubt, is the

Butkus influence. The probability is that Butkus today is the single most dominating force in the league.

Any two outside linebackers would look good on the same team with Butkus—but the fact is that on this club, Doug Buffone and Lee Roy Caffey help make Butkus look good. As a group, these three rank with the better linebacking combinations in NFL ball today.

The Bears still get a good rush out of their defensive line, Ed O'Bradovich, George Seals, Bill Staley, Willie Holman, Harry Gunner, Jimmy Gunn and the others. But it is unity of play that makes the Bears successful on defense. They've played George Halas defense now for the better part of a half century.

Coach Dooley remains hopeful for more progress this season built on his 1970 foundation.

"We finished on the upbeat last season," Dooley reminds. "In our last six games, we won three decisively, and the three we lost were by a total of only five points. And all of that happened



JOE MOORE, 6-1, 205 rookie from Missouri, helps build backfield strength.



JACK CONCANNON, 8-year vet, hit on 194 in 385 tries for 2130 yards; 16 TDs.

at a stage of the schedule when we were out of it, with no special incentive beyond pride and morale. I think it was a great satisfaction that the team didn't just play out the spring but actually

stayed 'up' for six straight weekends."

Six Bears in all were on the injured reserve list for the last game of 1970—Staley, Sayers, Randy Jackson, Bob Wallace

and Jim Hester, all knees, and Douglass, hand. Sayers played in portions of only two games, and has undergone two knee operations in three years. Minus Sayers, however, the Bears managed some brilliance again carrying the ball—on kicks.

Cecil Turner scored four touchdowns on kickoffs, tying the NFL record. He and Ron Smith made an effective kick-running team throughout the year. Bobby Joe Green remains one of the NFC's great punters. The FG specialist is Mac Percival.

Almost certainly, the Bears can't catch Minnesota this year, or Detroit either. But they can keep building the foundation for a surge sometime soon.



CECIL TURNER led in kickoff returns with 23 for 752 yards, had 4 scores.

#### 1970 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

<b>SCORING</b> —Percival, 88 points on 28 XP, 20 field goals	9th
<b>RUSHING</b> —Montgomery, 62 carries for 229 yds., 3.7 Avg.	31st
<b>PASSING</b> —Concannon, 194 in 385 attempts for 2130 yds., 16 TDs	10th
<b>RECEIVING</b> —Gordon, 71 receptions for 1026 yds., 13 TDs	1st
<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b> —Buffone, 4 for 33 yds., 8.3 Avg.	21st
<b>PUNTING</b> —Green, 83 punts, 40.9 Avg., longest 56 yds.	4th
<b>PUNT RETURNS</b> —Cole, 14 for 83 yds., 5.9 Avg.	9th
<b>KICKOFF RETURNS</b> —Turner, 23 for 752 yds., 32.7 Avg., 4 TDs	1st

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Aug. 7 AT Green Bay (Milw.) (N)	
14 AT Baltimore (N)	
21 AT Minnesota (N)	
28 Cleveland at Notre Dame	
Sept. 4 AT Houston (N)	
10 DENVER (Tentative)	

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10 NEW ORLEANS	24-3
17 AT San Francisco	16-37
24 AT Detroit	14-28
31 DALLAS	—
Nov. 7 GREEN BAY	35-17
14 WASHINGTON	—
21 DETROIT	10-16
29 AT Miami (N)	—
Dec. 5 AT Denver	—
12 At Green Bay	19-20
19 MINNESOTA	0-24

#### BEARS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs.	Pro	College
46	Bayham, Craig	RB	6-1	203	27	4	4	Ga. Tech
31	Brubacher, R.	LB	6-3	215	23	2	2	Tex. A&M
55	Buffone, Doug	LB	6-3	225	27	6	6	Louisville
29	Bull, Ron	RB	6-0	200	31	10	10	Baylor
51	Butkus, Dick	LB	6-3	245	28	7	7	Illinois
72	Cadile, Jim	G	6-3	240	31	10	10	San Jose
60	Caffey, Lee Roy	LB	6-3	240	30	9	9	Tex. A&M
39	Clark, Phil	S	6-3	208	26	5	5	No. Western
37	Coady, Rich	TE-C	6-3	238	26	2	2	Memphis St.
25	Cole, Linzy	WR	5-11	170	23	2	2	Tex. Christ.
11	Concannon, J.	QB	6-3	205	28	8	8	Boston Col.
70	Curchin, Jeff	T	6-6	265	23	2	2	Fla. St.
12	Cutbirth, Bob	QB	6-2	187	23	1	1	Okla. St.
23	Daniels, Dick	S	5-9	180	25	6	6	Pacific (Ore.)
47	Davis, "Butch"	CB	5-11	183	23	2	2	Missouri
10	Douglass, Bobby	QB	6-4	215	24	3	3	Kansas
43	Farmer, George	WR	6-4	210	23	2	2	UCLA
45	Gordon, Dick	WR	5-11	190	27	7	7	Mich. St.
88	Green, Bobby Joe	P	5-11	175	35	12	12	Florida
78	Gunner, Harry	DE	6-6	250	26	4	4	Oregon St.
30	Gunn, Jimmy	LB	6-1	220	22	2	2	So. Cal.
75	Hale, Dave	DT	6-7	260	24	3	3	Ottawa (Kan.)
86	Hester, Jim	TE	6-4	250	26	5	5	No. Dakota
61	Holloway, Glen	G	6-3	245	23	2	2	N. Tex. St.
85	Holman, Willie	DT	6-4	250	26	4	4	S. C. State
33	Hull, Mike	RB	6-3	220	26	4	4	So. Cal.
50	Hyland, Bob	C	6-5	250	26	5	5	Boston Col.
65	Jackson, Randy	T	6-5	245	27	5	5	Florida
32	Kurek, Ralph	RB	6-2	210	28	7	7	Wisconsin
44	Lyle, Garry	S	6-2	198	25	4	4	Geo. Wash.
26	McRae, Bennie	CB	6-0	180	31	10	10	Michigan
74	Mass, Wayne	T	6-4	240	25	4	4	Clemson
22	Montgomery, R.	RB	6-3	220	24	3	3	Tex. Christ.
68	Mudd, Howard	G	6-2	252	29	8	8	Hillsdale
63	Neidert, John	LB	6-2	230	25	4	4	Louisville
17	Nix, Kent	QB	6-2	195	27	5	5	Tex. Christ.
87	O'Bradovich, Ed	DE	6-3	255	31	10	10	Illinois
38	Ogden, Ray	TE	6-5	225	29	7	7	Alabama
83	Percival, Mac	K	6-4	220	31	5	5	Tex. Tech.
49	Ray, Terrell	CB	6-0	170	25	1	1	So. Cal.
40	Sayers, Gale	RB	6-0	198	28	7	7	Kansas
67	Seals, George	DT	6-3	260	28	8	8	Missouri
84	Seymour, Jim	WR	6-4	210	24	2	2	Notre Dame
24	Shy, Don	RB	6-1	210	25	5	5	San Diego
48	Smith, Ron	CB	6-1	192	28	7	7	Wisconsin
76	Staley, Bill	DT	6-3	248	25	4	4	Utah St.
20	Taylor, Joe	CB	6-1	200	30	5	5	N. C. A&T
21	Turner, Cecil	WR	5-10	170	27	4	4	Cal. Poly
89	Wallace, Bob	TE	6-3	220	25	4	4	El Paso
69	Wheeler, Ted	G	6-3	245	26	4	4	W. Tex. St.

#### ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Bailey, Sid	DE	6-4	221	22		Arlington
Ferris, Dennis	RB	6-1	200	22		Pittsburgh
Ford, Charlie	CB	6-3	195	22		Houston
Garganes, Ray	LB	6-1	220	23		Millersville
Hardy, Clifton	CB	6-0	187	24		Mich. St.
Harrison, James	RB	6-4	242	23		Missouri
Lee, Buddy	QB	6-4	210	23		LSU
Lewis, Willie	RB	6-2	225	26		Arizona
Maciejowski, R.	QB	6-2	193	22		Ohio St.
Moore, Jerry	S	6-3	204	22		Arkansas
Moore, Joe	RB	6-1	205	22		Missouri
McClain, Les	TE	6-3	197	22		Tennessee
McGee, Tony	DE	6-4	245	22		Bishop
Newton, Bob	T	6-4	248	22		Nebraska
Nicholas, Ed	T	6-4	240	23		N.C. State
Rowden, Larry	LB	6-2	219	22		Houston
Thomas, Earl	TE	6-3	220	22		Houston
Weiss, Karl	T-TE	6-5	243	22		Vanderbilt



MAC PERCIVAL, 9th among NFC scorers, kicked 28 extra points, 20 field goals.

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# SAN FRANCISCO 49ers

## PREDICTION—1st

For several years, the San Francisco 49ers have been considered one of the NFL's top four or five teams. The only difference last year was that they proved it.

As for this year, they should only improve. They have the essentials needed to repeat as the NFC's Western Division champion, namely a winning quarterback, John Brodie, and a smooth defensive team.

There isn't a weak spot in San Francisco's defensive 11, and few other pro clubs today can make that statement.

Therefore, it should be another interesting year for the 49ers, who have moved into the big leagues finally, putting behind the last of the 30,000 crowds that have long plagued them at Kezar Stadium. (With a championship-bound team, the 49ers averaged only 44,000 at home last year and drew only 41,000 for Atlanta last December—a minor league total.)

The Prospectors are now at home in Candlestick Park, the playground of the Giants; and whereas Candlestick ranks as the worst of America's new stadiums, it is at least new. What's more, it has been decked out with an Astroturf carpet, the first artificial field in California, which supposedly doesn't need one. (It never rains in California, does it?)

Finally, the 49ers have been pleased to announce that they have kicked all the politicians and wives out of their press box, as of 1971. At Kezar, there were times when there were more women than reporters in the press section. The new football press box at Candlestick, seating 150, can be reached only by elevator and will be restricted to workers.

These changes on top of the

championship last season—the 49ers' first division title in a quarter century—have created a warm feeling in San Francisco, whose citizens are certain that Brodie can do it again. So is Brodie, and so are the other players. Optimism is suddenly rife up there. By April 15, 40,000 season tickets had been sold. Candlestick today will only seat 45,000, pending the completion of the top deck in 1972 when capacity will be about 60,000. Kezar holds 59,000.

It was their new coach, Dick Nolan, who in his third year led the 49ers to the title last fall. Their record (10-3-1) was the

**DICK NOLAN**, Head Coach.  
Assistants: Mike Giddings, Jim Shofner, Paul Wiggin, Doug Scovil, Don Heinrich, Chet Franklin, Dick Stanfel.

best in San Francisco's history in the NFL, and Nolan has discovered four reasons for this: Brodie, blocking, clutch defense and the improvement in the special teams.

"We expect another fine year from Brodie," says Nolan. "There's no doubt he is one of the best two or three quarterbacks in the game."

Brodie in 1970 completed 59 per cent of his passes, threw only 10 interceptions in 14 games and delivered 24 touchdown passes.

The blocking of his offensive line (coupled with Brodie's savvy as a ball-ditching passer when rushed) enabled the 49ers to set

**JOHN BRODIE** provides winning touch at quarterback for San Francisco's bid to remain on top. John hit on 223 passes for 2941 yards and 24 TD's in '70.





KEN WILLARD, an excellent blocker, also accounted for 789 yards on 236 attempts. He had seven touchdowns. Here he operates against Denver.

a new NFL record when Brodie was sacked only eight times.

The statistical feature of San Francisco's clutch defense is visible in the fact that the front four sacked opposing quarterbacks 30 times, usually when it hurt worst.

As for the improvement of the special teams, there were these changes in 1970 (compared with 1969): from last to first in punt returns and from six field goals to 21. The new punt runner was Bruce Taylor, the new FG man Bruce Gossett.

Backup quarterback Steve Spurrier is also the punter. He is a man who doesn't get much distance, but the height of his punts counterbalances that.

The biggest thing that has happened to the 49ers in the last 10 years is the improvement of their defense. Formerly, they exaggerated offense; but by 1970, they had finished the building of one of the league's outstanding defenses.

For instance, there isn't a better secondary in the league today than San Francisco's with cornerbacks Jimmy Johnson and Bruce Taylor and safeties Roosevelt Taylor and Mel Phillips. The draft of Bruce-T. and the acquisition of Rosey-T. in a Chicago

trade have been the making of the San Francisco team.

Johnson, 33, the 11-year veteran, ranks with any left cornerman in football. Bruce settled into the right corner last fall as if he had designed the position. Rosey is a leader who is up there with the game's better free safeties, and Phillips is a steady strong safety.

The linebacker corps, also re-

BRUCE TAYLOR, 6-0 and 180, led NFC in punt returns with 43 for 516 yards. Taylor brought Rookie of Year honors to 49ers for the second year in row.



built in two positions, is the youngest of the 49er departments, but has become one of the strengths of the team. There is an All-Pro, Dave Wilcox, on the left side and a mean strongman, Frank Nunley, in the middle, plus an improving right-side backer, Skip Vandebundt.

Nolan's defensive line is unique. The front four is really a front eight, including the starters, ends Bill Belk and Tommy Hart and tackles Charlie Krueger and Roland Lakes.

But the backup unit logged as much playing time as the starters last year. The ends in this group are Stan Hindman and Cedrick Hardman, the tackles Earl Edwards and Sam Silas.

The improvement of Hardman may mean that the 49ers will have to leave him on the field most of the time this year, but it is likely that Nolan will continue to rotate players in the other positions. The advantage is a fresh performer at all times who can rush over tired blockers to get the passer.

The offensive line is similarly powerful. It pivots on the center with the NFL's most useful size for a center, Forrest Blue, 6-5, 260. The guards are Woody Peoples and Randy Beisler, with Cas Banaszek and Len Rohde at tackle.

Most of the 49ers believe their strongest department is manned

by the receivers, including Gene Washington (wide) and Ted Kwalick (tight). Kwalick finally got the hang of pro football late last season and is now on his way to the head of the class. The veteran tight end, another good one, is Bob Windsor.

Washington is excelled today as an NFL receiver by few if any rivals. He has the speed to go deep, the pluck to go inside and the finesse to beat any defensive back in the league, repeatedly. Gene led the NFL last fall in yards gained, 1100, on 53 catches. The other starter is Dick Witcher, a steady veteran.

In the backfield, Ken Willard has never quite fulfilled his promise as a runner but exceeds expectations as a blocker. The 49ers have some talent to pair with Willard, including Doug Cunningham, Bill Tucker and Jimmy Thomas.

For the first time in many seasons, the 49ers did not draft for starters but for depth. For example, Tim Anderson of Ohio State, their first draft choice, plays in the department where they need help the least, the defensive backfield. Tim must wait, barring injury, for Ro Taylor or Jim Johnson to step down. They are 34 and 33.

San Francisco's faith in Bruce Taylor to start last year paid off. Bruce became Rookie of the Year. Twelve months earlier, Gene Washington had been the league's Rookie of the Year. The 49er personnel department keeps guessing right.

Indeed, with all 22 starting positions now filled with gifted people, the 49ers are beginning to set the kind of records you expect of such a team. For example, they tied Detroit last year for first in the NFC in turnovers.

On a table including 49er fumbles and interceptions—compared against the number of times the 49ers recovered fumbles or intercepted passes—they were plus 17 last season. Detroit also finished with a plus 17. Third best in the conference was Minnesota, 13; fourth best was Detroit, 11.

And these were the four NFC teams that made the playoffs.



GENE WASHINGTON snared 53 aerials for dozen TDs and 3rd rank in NFC.



BRUCE GOSSETT was 4th among NFC scorers with 102 points via his kicking.

#### 49ERS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
79	Banaszek, Cas	T	6-3	240	25	4	No'western
50	Beard, Ed	LB	6-1	220	31	7	Tennessee
65	Beisler, Randy	G	6-5	255	26	6	Indiana
72	Belk, Bill	DE	6-3	258	26	4	Md. State
75	Blue, Forrest	C	6-5	260	26	4	Auburn
12	Brodie, John	QB	6-1	203	36	15	Stanford
51	Campbell, C.	LB	6-3	214	23	2	Weber St.
66	Collett, Elmer	G	6-4	242	26	4	S. Fran. St.
42	Cunningham, D.	RB	6-0	192	26	5	Mississippi
74	Edwards, Earl	DT	6-6	272	26	3	Wichita
23	Fuller, Johnny	CB-S	6-0	185	26	4	Lamar Tech
30	Gossett, Bruce	K	6-0	235	29	4	Richmond
86	Hardman, C.	DE	6-3	255	23	2	N. Tex. St.
53	Hart, Tommy	DE	6-3	257	26	4	Mor. Brown
80	Hindman, Stan	DE	6-3	235	27	6	Mississippi
56	Hoskins, Bob	G	6-2	235	26	2	Wichita
17	Isenbarger, John	RB	6-3	205	24	3	Indiana
37	Johnson, Jimmy	CB	6-2	185	33	11	UCLA
81	Johnson, Leo	WR	6-1	200	26	3	Tenn. St.
70	Krueger, Charlie	DT	6-4	260	34	13	Tex. A&M
82	Kwalick, Ted	TE	6-4	219	24	3	Penn St.
60	Lakes, Roland	DT	6-4	263	31	11	Wichita
57	Nunley, Frank	LB	6-2	232	26	4	Michigan
69	Peoples, Woody	G	6-2	247	28	4	Grambling
32	Phillips, Mel	S	6-2	196	29	6	N. C. A&T
27	Randolph, Al	S	6-2	196	27	6	Iowa
85	Riley, Preston	WR	6-0	180	23	2	Memphis St.
76	Rohde, Len	T	6-4	250	33	12	Utah St.
78	Silas, Sam	DE-DT	6-4	263	30	9	So. Illinois
38	Simpson, Mike	CB	5-11	175	24	2	Houston
58	Sniadecki, Jim	LB	6-2	220	24	3	Indiana
11	Spurrier, Steve	QB	6-1	200	26	4	Florida
28	Strong, Jim	RB	6-1	204	24	2	Houston
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19 DETROIT	7-28

#### ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Anderson, Tim	CB	6-0	198	22	Ohio St.
Beck, Braden	K	6-2	200	27	Stanford
Bresler, Alvin	WR	6-1	188	22	Auburn
Bullock, John	RB	5-11	215	22	Purdue
Bunch, Jim	DT	6-3	255	24	Platteville
Cardo, Ron	RB	6-1	215	25	Oshkosh
Cavan, Michael	QB	6-1	195	22	Georgia
Couch, Herman	LB	6-3	220	22	Iowa St.
Dames, George	LB	6-0	220	24	Oregon
Dickerson, Sam	WR	6-2	197	22	USC
Dunstan, Bill	DE	6-4	220	22	Utah St.
Harris, Tony	RB	6-3	195	23	Toledo
Huff, Marty	LB	6-2	231	22	Michigan
Janet, Ernie	G	6-4	250	22	Washington
Lennon, John	DT	6-4	255	22	Colgate
McCann, Jim	P	6-2	180	22	Ariz. St.
Muse, George	LB	6-1	230	24	Grambling
O'Brien, Buster	QB	6-1	195	24	Richmond
Orduna, Joe	RB	6-0	195	22	Nebraska
Parker, Willie	C	6-3	245	22	N. Tex. St.
Pursell, Dave	T	6-5	255	22	Kentucky
Reed, Joe	QB	6-1	195	23	Miss. St.
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# LOS ANGELES RAMS

## PREDICTION—2nd

In Los Angeles, a new coach, Tommy Prothro, inherits a fine team. The situation is similar in some respects to 1955, when Sid Gillman went to the Rams from a college team (University of Cincinnati). Prothro, a college coach all of his life until he moved out of UCLA this season, was beginning his career as a head coach (at Oregon State) in 1955 when Gillman built a divisional champion in Los Angeles as an NFL rookie. Gillman inherited fine players and improved on them. Prothro likewise has an opportunity to strengthen a winning squad.

It is a squad whose quarterback, Roman Gabriel, is possibly the most valuable athlete in the country, in any sport, considering his age and experience. At 31, Gabriel has done it all—yet he is young enough and strong enough to keep doing it for many more years.

The other obvious asset of the Rams last year, the defense, is now more of a question mark. Prothro, following ancient Ram tradition, in his first act as a pro coach this winter traded away four defensive starters for a bunch of draft choices. He traded them all to Washington—all three linebackers and the right tackle, Diron Talbert.

In addition, safetyman Eddie Meador is talking retirement again; and Prothro, unlike Coach George Allen last year, seems content for Meador to remain retired.

Thus Prothro begins his professional career with five personnel changes on the 11-man defensive team. That's a 45 per cent change—a massive one as those things go in pro football.

Conceivably, the Rams will be more talented defensively with the new men. Conceivably, they will be faster, they may even be more aggressive. But they have lost an extraordinary amount of

experience. And in pro ball today, experience is the key to the unit play that is so often of decisive importance. As the coaches say and believe, teamwork has become essential defensively (more so than offensively)—it's better to have harmony and knowhow than great defensive quality—and teamwork comes only with the years.

Prothro has confidence in the defensive alterations he has made, and he has confidence in himself and his young assistants. There won't be a better show this year than the Ram show as Prothro, building on Allen's foundation, puts together what might or might not be a winner, based on a new philosophy. Prothro favors scoring in one play. Allen prefers ball control.

The coaching plan in Los Angeles is unique in the NFL today. Prothro, with pro football's largest staff, assigns four coaches to defense—one more than most teams and twice as many as some. There is, of course, a coach for each department (line, linebackers and secondary) but in addition, Prothro employs a special assignments defensive assistant who might concentrate his attention on just one linebacker today, and with both cornermen tomorrow, or with the right side of the front four.

Offensively, the new Ram staff is even more unconventional. To begin with there are two offensive backfield coaches. One advises the blockers. One coaches the ball-handlers.

In this year of changeover to a young team from one of the most experienced teams in the league, Prothro may be on the right track in loading up on teachers.

At linebacker alone, the Rams have lost about a quarter century of experience. The new middle linebacker, Jack Reynolds, was the No. 1 draft choice a year ago, and Prothro says he is "very high on him," but Jack did not

**TOMMY PROTHRO, Coach.**  
Assistants: Tom Cailin, Larrye Weaver, Bob McKittrick, Leon McLaughlin, Earnel Durden, Sid Hall, Dick Vermeil, Rich Brooks.

play as a rookie, when Myron Pottios sprinted through his best season as a professional football player.

Of the new outside linebackers, one, Jim Purnell, has had eight years in the league, mostly as a reserve. Last year he played about as often as Maxie Baughan. The other linebacker will be either a rookie or one of last year's reserves (behind Jack Pardee, who played 95 per cent of the time). Prothro would like to see the No. 1 draft choice, Isiah Robertson of Southern, in this position.

Talbert's position in the defensive line is scheduled to go to

**ROMAN GABRIEL** calls signals for Rams as **KEN IMAN** gets ready to snap ball.



one of last year's reserves, Rich Cash or Dick Evey, or to Bill Nelson, a 1970 rookie from Oregon State. A candidate named Jack Youngblood, drafted out of Florida this year as one of the Rams' two choices on the first round, "looks like a defensive end," says Prothro.

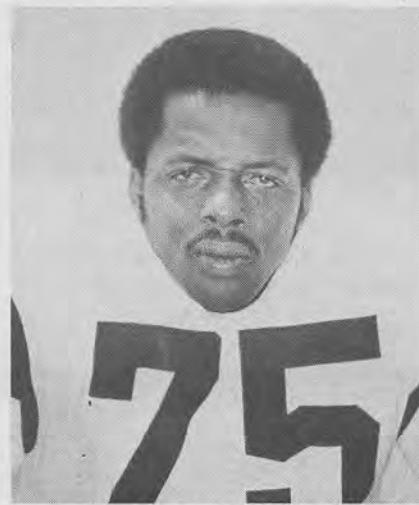
Three of the four veterans are returning (unless Merlin Olsen retires at 31. He says this will be his last year if he plays.) The defensive ends are Deacon Jones, 32, and Coy Bacon, 28. If the Rams can satisfactorily fill Talbert's shoes, their defensive line will remain one of the strongest in football.

The secondary is somewhat unsettled, although it can be assumed that Clancy Williams will be at left corner again. On the right side, Prothro wants Earsell

Mackbee, the former Minnesota starter who went to Los Angeles this winter as a free agent. If Mackbee can fit it (making the position change from left to right) Prothro will move Kermit Alexander to Meador's spot at free safety.

Richie Petitbon, who has been one of football's greatest strong safeties ever since the position was created in the 1950s, returns to the Ram lineup. But there was another candle on Richie's birthday cake this year. In the Ram secondary, what's more, things are not just the way Prothro wants them at any position. (For example, the new coach would like more speed at right corner than either Alexander or Mackbee can provide.) This is the first year in many when there are uncertainties in the Ram defense.

ROMAN GABRIEL gets off one of 211 completed passes that earned 16 TDs.



DEACON JONES, 6-5 and 250, adds formidable power to defense front four.

COY BACON, 6-4 and 270 tackle, is another member of mighty defense.



PAT STUDSTILL, L.A. punter, gets off one of 67 kicks that had 39.01 norm.

MERLIN OLSEN, perennial Pro Bowl selection, brings vet savvy to defense.



The offense should always be a factor on any field so long as Gabriel hangs on at quarterback. The veteran runners, however, Lester Josephson and Larry Smith, are too slow to suit Prothro. He has brought in Travis Williams from Green Bay and also plans to use more of Willie Ellison. The runner Prothro drafted first this year, Steve Worster of Texas, is the fullback who made the Longhorn Wishbone famous with straight-ahead dives—but Worster defected to Canada and signed with the Hamilton Tiger Cats.

Jack Snow heads the receiver corps along with promising tight end Bob Klein. The new coaches have made flanker their No. 1 offensive priority, landing Lance Rentzel from Dallas in a trade for Billy Truax and Wendell Tucker. Last year's No. 2 draft choice, Charlie Williams, will get a large chance there.

The offensive line returns with the NFL's most talented blockers. All but the center, Ken Iman, have been voted into the Pro Bowl repeatedly, and Iman has missed only by virtue of his size. (He lists at 6-1 and 240 but is not that large.) At tackle, Prothro has Charlie Cowan, Mitch Johnson, and Harry Schuh who was part of a trade with Oakland for Bob Brown. Cowan has all-around excellence. Schuh, 28, a 6-year vet with the Raiders, was a starter as a rookie.

Tom Mack, in his prime at 27, remains the best pulling guard in the league. The other guard, Joe Scibelli, was considered by last year's coach, George Allen, to be the best all-around lineman in the Western Division.

Pat Studstill returns as the punter and, if unhindered by muscle pulls, could be the flanker Prothro is searching for. He has had hamstring problems for years and is now 33. David Ray, the place-kicker, is also a wide receiver. They were both brought to Los Angeles by Allen, who opposes the use of specialists solely as kickers.

Allen's ideas, in fact, brought Los Angeles 49 wins in his five seasons on the coast—an average of 10 a year. That's the act Prothro is following.



DAVID RAY, placekicker and wide receiver, had 121 points, second in NFC.

#### 1970 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

<b>SCORING</b> —Ray, 121 points on 34	
XP, 29 field goals	2nd
<b>RUSHING</b> —Josephson, 150 carries for 640 yds., 4.3 Avg., 5 TDs	11th
<b>PASSING</b> —Gabriel, 211 in 407 attempts for 2552 yds., 16 TDs	6th
<b>RECEIVING</b> —Snow, 51 receptions for 859 yds., 7 TDs	4th
<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b> —Clan. Williams, 5 for 108 yds., 21.6 Avg., 1 TD	9th
<b>PUNTING</b> —Studstill, 67 punts, 39.1 Avg., longest 53 yds.	9th
<b>PUNT RETURNS</b> —Haymond, 53 for 376 yds., 7.1 Avg.	8th
<b>KICKOFF RETURNS</b> —Haymond, 35 for 1022 yds., 29.2 Avg., 1 TD	2nd

#### Pre-season Games

July 31	Houston at Canton, O.
Aug. 6	DALLAS (N)
13	CLEVELAND (N)
21	AT Oakland (N)
29	AT New England (N)
Sept. 3	SAN DIEGO (N)
9	SAN FRANCISCO (N)

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10 AT San Francisco	30-13
17 AT Atlanta	17-7
24 GREEN BAY	31-21
31 MIAMI	—
Nov. 8 AT Baltimore (N)	—
14 AT Detroit	23-28
21 SAN FRANCISCO	6-20
25 AT Dallas	—
Dec. 5 NEW ORLEANS	34-16
13 WASHINGTON	—
19 AT Pittsburgh	—



CLANCY WILLIAMS intercepted five passes for 108 yards and a touchdown.

#### RAMS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs.	Pro	College
39	Alexander, K.	CB	5-11	186	30	9	UCLA	
79	Bacon, Coy	DE-DT	6-4	270	28	4	Jackson St.	
51	Burman, George	C-G	6-3	255	28	6	Northwestern	
89	Cash, Rick	DE	6-5	260	26	4	No. east Mo.	
73	Cowan, Charlie	T	6-4	265	33	11	N.M. Hi'lands	
56	Crutcher, T. J.	LB	6-3	235	29	7	TCU	
88	Curran, Pat	LB	6-3	238	25	3	Lakeland	
33	Ellison, Willie	RB	6-2	200	25	5	Tex. So'ern	
82	Evey, Dick	DT	6-4	245	30	8	Tennessee	
18	Gabriel, Roman	QB	6-4	220	31	10	N.C. State	
23	Haymond, A.	S-CB	6-0	194	29	8	Southern	
50	Iman, Ken	C	6-1	240	32	11	So. east Mo.	
70	Johnson, Mitch	T	6-4	250	29	6	UCLA	
75	Jones, David	DE	6-5	250	32	11	S.C. State	
34	Josephson, Les	RB	6-1	207	29	7	Augustana	
80	Klein, Bob	TE	6-5	235	24	3	USC	
81	Long, Bob	WR	6-3	205	29	8	Wichita	
86	McCloughan, K.	DB	6-1	190	28	7	Nebraska	
86	McKeever, M.	LB	6-0	235	31	11	USC	
85	Mack, Tom	G	6-3	250	27	6	Michigan	
21	Meador, Ed	S	5-11	190	34	13	Ark. Tech	
19	Nettles, Jim	CB	5-10	177	29	7	Wisconsin	
74	Olsen, Merlin	DT	6-5	270	31	10	Utah St.	
52	Pergine, John	LB	6-1	225	25	3	Notre Dame	
17	Petitbon, Richie	S	6-3	208	33	13	Tulane	
53	Purnell, Jim	LB	6-3	238	29	8	Wisconsin	
27	Ray, David	PK-WR	6-0	195	27	3	Alabama	
	Rentzel, Lance	WR	6-2	202	27	7	Oklahoma	
64	Reynolds, Jack	LB	6-1½	232	23	2	Tennessee	
61	Saul, Rich	G	6-3	235	23	2	Mich. St.	
79	Schuh, Harry	T	6-3	260	28	7	Memphis St.	
71	Scibelli, Joe	G	6-0	255	32	11	Notre Dame	
44	Shaw, Nate	S	6-2	205	26	3	USC	
38	Smith, Larry	RB	6-3	220	24	3	Florida	
84	Snow, Jack	WR	6-2	190	28	7	Notre Dame	
28	Studstill, Pat	WR-P	6-0	175	33	10	Houston	
10	Sweetan, Karl	QB	6-2	205	28	6	Wake Forest	
83	Williams, Ch.	WR	6-3	210	23	2	Pr. View	
24	Williams, Cl.	CB	6-3	194	28	7	Wash. St.	
25	Williams, Travis	RB	6-1	210	26	5	Ariz. St.	
77	Wilson, Jim	T	6-3	258	29	5	Georgia	
57	Woodlief, Doug	LB	6-3	235	28	6	Memphis St.	

#### ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
68	Behrendt, Kirk	OT	6-4	240	21	Whitewater
37	Boice, Ross	LB-G	6-2	245	21	Pac. Luth.
41	Burmeister, Bob	CB	6-0	190	22	Washington
54	Carraway, Bruce	G	6-2	235	21	Morgan St.
45	Coleman, Lionel	CB	6-1	185	24	Oregon
47	Elmendorf, Dave	S	6-1	195	21	Tex. A&M
72	Garay, Tony	DE	6-3	235	23	Hofstra
36	Geddes, Ken	OLB	6-3	220	24	Nebraska
31	Harrison, R.	RB	6-1	216	21	Kansas St.
62	Jugum, George	MLB	6-1	235	25	Washington
60	Kos, Gary	G	6-2	245	21	Notre Dame
48	Maslowski, Matt	WR	6-3	210	21	San Diego
63	McSwain, A.	OLB	6-1	225	21	Grambling
67	Nelson, Bill	DT	6-7	270	23	Oregon St.
35	Opalsky, Vince	RB	6-2	210	23	Miami (Fla.)
55	Popplewell, Don	C	6-2	235	22	Colorado
15	Richards, C.	QB	6-3	198	21	Richmond
58	Robertson, I.	OLB	6-3	225	21	Southern
42	Schmidt, Joe	WR	6-2	210	23	Miami (Fla.)
32	Simmons, A.	LB	6-3	235	22	Grambling
29	Sweet, Joe	WR	6-3	196	22	Tenn. St.
26	Vataha, Randy	WR	5-11	175	22	Stanford
11	Walton, John	QB	6-2	190	23	Eliz. City
49	Whitaker, C.	WR	6-2	187	24	N. Tex. St.
66	Wray, Jim	OT	6-4	240	22	Fullerton
85	Youngblood, J.	DE	6-4	248	21	Florida

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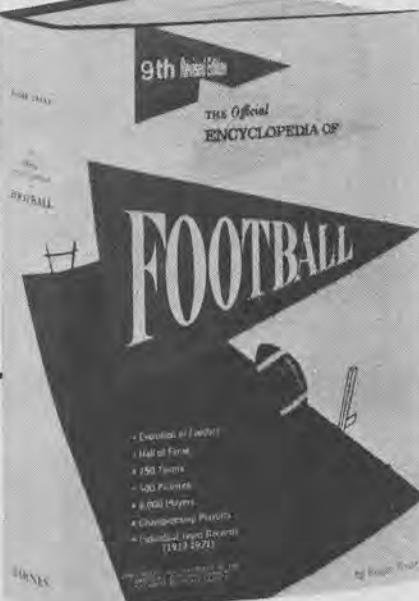
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# ATLANTA FALCONS

## PREDICTION—3rd

This could be the make or break year for Norm Van Brocklin, coach of the Atlanta Falcons. It's his fourth season in Atlanta, and after raising the Falcons to 6-8 in 1968, Van Brocklin coached them to 4-8-2 last fall. Such a fall-off ominously parallels Van Brocklin's history in Minnesota, where he first developed an apparently solid club in his fourth semester, only to fall off to 4-9-1, and out of a job, in 1966.

As he starts his 10th season as an NFL coach, Van Brocklin owns a lifetime record of 41-76-6 (.350). He is 12-25-2 in Atlanta. Something more is widely expected there shortly.

For the most part, he has re-

BOB BERRY pitched for 16 tallies on 156 completions as qb for Atlanta.



built the team since 1968, installing Van Brocklin-types in as many positions as possible. Aggressive-types, that is. The squad has been deliberately tailored to include just this one kind of player—the kind that aims to prove its manliness on each play. As a result, the Falcons are regarded as one of the most aggressive of NFL teams; but to gain the title with that style, the Falcons must win more than the four games they won in 14 starts last season (including two over hapless New Orleans).

Specifically, Van Brocklin has installed a tough little man at quarterback, Bob Berry, favoring him over Randy Johnson, an Atlanta veteran. Randy has seemed to some critics to be the better all-around quarterback. But his attitude does not recommend Johnson to Van Brocklin, who had the feisty little Berry in Minnesota and still favors his style. Berry is 5-11, somewhat under the average of the better NFL quarterbacks. Johnson is 6-3.

After several years in which Berry and Johnson were technically rivals for the job, Johnson is not listed on the Atlanta roster this season. The Falcons say he has "made the decision either to retire or seek a trade to another team." He is 27 years old.

Berry, 29, will have the position unchallenged, the Falcons say, and that much will benefit both him and the team. An unclouded quarterback picture is the first requisite for winning in NFL ball. Moreover, in their sixth year as an Atlanta enterprise, the Falcons hope they're faster, both in the receiving positions and running the ball. Lack of breakaway speed may have been a chief reason Atlanta finished 11th in total offense last year, 12th in pass offense—and even a deep eighth running the ball, which Van Brocklin stressed so heavily. The new speed in-

**NORM VAN BROCKLIN, Coach.**  
Assistants: Marion Campbell, Duane Putnam, Harry Gilmer, Bob Griffin, Fred Bruney, Billy Ray Barnes.

cludes the No. 1 draft choice, halfback Joe Profit of Northeast Louisiana, whose times for the 100 and 40 are 9.5 and 4.5.

Also fast if not a blazing sprinter is the No. 2 choice, wide receiver Ken Burrow of San Diego State. Finally, Van Brocklin could increase speed by making more use of halfback-fullback Paul Gipson, who like quarterback Johnson has more talent than Atlanta playing time.

The strength of the offense in Atlanta is provided at tight end by Jim Mitchell, voted MVP by his teammates last fall when he led the Falcons in catches (44). As Van Brocklin says: "It's a tribute to Mitchell that he was able to do as well as he did when the opponents knew we lacked speed at the outside positions."

**JIM MITCHELL, 6-1 and 235 tight end, snared 44 passes for 650 yards, 6 TDs.**



The outside men are tough Van Brocklin-types, Paul Flatley and Todd Snyder, who can block and catch the ball but who seldom run it far. Burrow and rookie Ray Jarvis of Norfolk State carry Van Brocklin's hopes, although it isn't easy for rookies to participate in the NFL.

The carefully-cultured Van Brocklin blackfield in Atlanta includes hard-nosed Harmon Wages and Jim (Cannonball) Butler. Last fall, Butler was the No. 12 NFC rusher, and Wages would have been up there if he hadn't been hurt. There are some indications that Van Brocklin will emphasize speed in the backfield this fall because the Falcon truck horses dropped from third in the conference in 1969 ground-gaining to eighth in 1970. One sign of the times from Van Brocklin on Gipson: "He has the tools to be a great player."

Injuries retarded Atlanta line play last fall and also the harmony needed from a set unit. So many linemen were on the field that Van Brocklin lists 15 candi-



TOM NOBIS, a linebacker with All-Pro credentials, is a vet mainstay at position.

dates today for the five positions, most of them at guard and tackle. Jeff Van Note returns after his first full year at center. Dick Enderle has the edge at one guard and George Kunz at one tackle. Other prospects are Malcolm Snider, Randy and Francis Winkler, Bill Sandeman, Bob Breitenstein, Andy Maurer, Gary Roberts and Dave Hettema.

Defensively in 1970, the Falcons finished sixth in the conference, seventh against the run and fifth against the pass. On the average, they yielded 123 yards a game, a better showing than those of St. Louis, San Francisco and Green Bay, all considered NFL powers, present or recent past. Says Van Brocklin: "We have what I feel is soon to be a leading NFL defense."

Each defensive department is led by an athlete of All-Pro class: linebacker Tommy Nobis, defensive end Claude Humphrey and defensive back Ken Reaves. These are players who in addition all have the Van Brocklin verve.

The coach is proudest of his front four, particularly his defensive ends, Humphrey and John Zook, who flank tackles Glen Condren and sophomore Greg

Lens. Van Brocklin on the first requirement of a top defensive line: "In Humphrey we have the great one."

There is as much strength at linebacker (Nobis, Don Hansen and Greg Brezina) with more depth. Grady Allen, John Small and others are available. Small, the top draft choice a year ago, was tried in the defensive line at first in an experiment that has been abandoned.

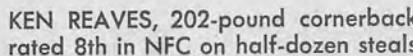
Hansen is one of the NFL's most obviously underrated linebackers, although he and Brezina, both 6-3 and 220, are not conspicuously large for new linebackers these days.

The secondary is the weakest of Atlanta's defensive departments, except for Reaves at left corner. Reaves, a typical Van Brocklin tough guy, is also a finesse cornerman against the pass. He improves each year. Rudy Redmond, a cornerman last year, is expected to be in the lineup somewhere this season, along with Tom McCauley, the 1970 free safety, a converted receiver. The fourth position is open, with Grady Cavness, Tom Hayes and Bob Brown among others in the running.

Nor is the kicking game an At-



JIM BUTLER, 5-10 running back, hit foes for over 1000 yards in '70 campaign.



KEN REAVES, 202-pound cornerback, rated 8th in NFC on half-dozen steals.



lanta strong suit, although Billy Lothridge can make the punting a satisfactory area. Billy has led the league in punting twice, but his 1970 average was 38.7. Worse, the place-kicker, Kenny Vinyard, made only nine of 25 field goal attempts. As a player, Van Brocklin was a punter, one of the best of his time. Presumably he will solve whatever special-team problems lurk.

The cheering in Atlanta last fall was largely reserved for the days when the Falcons played intra-division games. They split with champion San Francisco, tied Los Angeles, and swept New Orleans. Says Van Brocklin: "It was encouraging to me that we did so well within our division."

But in a sense, these were all traditional games, and it is axiomatic that the more emotional team does its best work in传统s. It is also evident that Van Brocklin has structured one of the most emotional of all pro

teams. That no longer is the problem in Atlanta, where Van Brocklin has his athletes playing at the top of their game. The problem is how to win day in and day out. Van Brocklin's response to that is not conclusive.

Last year, he says, "We were the kind of team which did not have the personnel to dominate

anyone. Therefore, we had to make up for lack of offensive punch and over-all speed by being highly aggressive. With that kind of team you usually win close or lose close."

It is the possibility that they might again lose close too often that makes this a nervous year for the Falcons.



KENNY VINYARD, placekicker, had 50 points—9 field goals, 23 extra points.



BILLY LOTHRIDGE, 8-year vet punter, averaged 38.7 on 76 kicks last season.

#### 1970 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

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<b>PUNTING</b> —Lothridge, 76 punts, 38.7 Avg., longest 59 yds.	10th
<b>PUNT RETURNS</b> —Mallory, 14 for 203 yds., 11.9 Avg., 1 TD	2nd
<b>KICKOFF RETURNS</b> —Butler, 14 for 284 yds., 20.3 Avg.	14th

#### Pre-season Games

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21 Denver at Memphis, Tenn. (N)	
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22 GREEN BAY (N)	24-27
28 AT Minnesota	7-37
Dec. 5 OAKLAND	—
12 AT San Francisco	20-24
19 AT New Orleans	14-3

#### FALCONS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
52	Acks, Ron	LB	6-2	225	27	4	Illinois
54	Allen, Grady	LB	6-3	230	25	4	Oregon
17	Berry, Bob	QB	5-11	190	29	7	Ariz. St.
65	Breitenstein, B.	G-T	6-3	267	28	6	Houston
50	Brezina, Greg	LB	6-1	220	25	3	E. Waters
19	Brunson, Mike	WR	6-1	187	24	2	No. Ariz.
33	Butler, Jim	RB	5-10	200	28	7	El Paso
45	Campbell, Sonny	RB	5-11	192	23	5	Wash. St.
32	Cavness, Grady	CB	5-11	185	24	3	Oklahoma
15	Cogdill, Gail	WR	6-2	200	34	12	Del. Valley
88	Cordner, Glen	DT	6-3	247	24	3	San Fran.
51	Cottrell, Ted	LB	6-1	233	24	3	Morgan St.
79	Dabney, Carlton	DT	6-5	259	24	3	Minnesota
84	Donohoe, Mike	TE	6-3	227	26	3	Tex. St.
63	Enderle, Dick	G	6-2	248	24	3	No. western
85	Flatley, Paul	WR	6-1	190	30	4	Fresno St.
28	Freeman, Mike	S	5-11	179	27	3	Houston
40	Gipson, Paul	RB	6-0	210	25	3	Washington
58	Halverson, Dean	LB	6-2	212	25	3	Illinois
58	Hansen, Don	LB	6-3	220	27	3	West Va.
68	Hettema, Dave	T	6-4	250	29	3	Tenn. St.
87	Humphrey, C.	DE	6-5	248	27	2	El Paso
83	Jones, Ron	TE	6-3	220	25	3	Notre Dame
75	Kunz, George	T	6-5	256	24	3	Colo. St. I.
49	Lavan, Al	S	6-1	202	25	3	Trinity (T)
18	Lemmerman, B.	QB	6-1	206	26	3	Pr. View
72	Lens, Greg	DT	6-5	261	26	3	Georgia Tech
26	Lothridge, Billy	P	6-1	200	29	2	Wisconsin
20	McCauley, Tom	S	6-3	193	24	3	West. St.
22	Mallory, John	CB-S	6-0	184	25	2	Ariz. St.
25	Malone, Art	DE	6-5	203	23	2	Linfield
89	Marshall, Randy	DE	6-5	237	25	4	Miami, Fla.
53	Matlock, John	C	6-4	249	27	4	Oregon
64	Maurer, Andy	G	6-3	257	23	3	Purdue
60	Mitchell, Jim	TE	6-1	235	24	3	Pr. View
36	Reaves, Ken	CB	6-3	202	27	6	Texas
47	Redmond, Rudy	CB	6-1	196	24	3	Norfolk St.
62	Roberts, Gary	G	6-2	242	25	2	Purdue
61	Sandeman, Bill	T	6-7	260	29	6	Pacific
66	Smale, John	DT	6-5	254	25	2	Citadel
87	Snider, Malcolm	T	6-4	250	24	3	Stanford
80	Snyder, Todd	WR	6-2	184	23	2	Ohio U.
74	Sullivan, Jim	DE-DT	6-4	240	27	2	Lincoln, Mo.
57	Van Note, Jeff	C	6-2	244	25	3	Kentucky
8	Vinyard, Kenny	PK	5-10	189	24	2	Tex. Tech
5	Wages, Harmon	RB	6-2	222	25	4	Florida
55	Winkler, Francis	C-G	6-3	230	25	3	Memphis St.
73	Winkler, Randy	G-T	6-5	255	28	3	Tarleton St.
71	Zook, John	DE	6-5	248	24	3	Kansas

Breina and Dabney missed '70 season due to injury; Jones' last active in NFL with G.B. in '69; Lemmerman last active with Atlanta in '69; F. Winkler on Injured Reserve in '70; R. Winkler military '70.

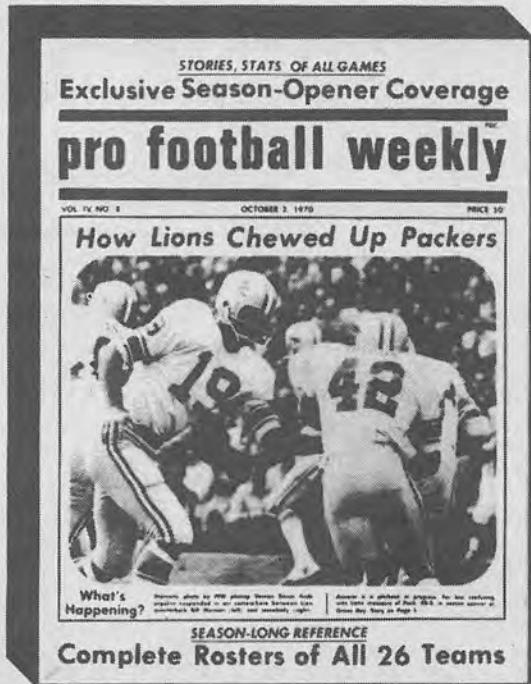
#### ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Baar, Doug	T	6-3	252	23	No. Ariz.
Bell, Bill	K	6-1	194	24	Kansas
Bonner, John	PK	6-1	195	24	Chattanooga
Brown, Ray	CB-S	6-2	198	22	W. Tex. St.
Burrow, Ken	WR	6-0	189	23	San Diego
Butler, Skipper	K	6-2	200	24	Arlington
Chesson, Wes	WR	6-1	197	22	Duke
Clark, Wallace	RB	6-0	200	23	Auburn
Comer, Deryl	TE	6-2	230	24	Texas
Crooks, Dan	CB-S	5-9	195	22	Wisconsin
Dugan, Jim	RB	6-0	227	24	Ohio St.
Easley, Mel	CB-S	6-0	210	24	Oregon St.
Evans, Vernon	RB	5-11	200	24	Jackson St.
Farrar, Pettus	RB	6-2	220	25	Norfolk St.
Griffin, Alvin	WR	5-9	160	24	Tuskegee
Hart, Leo	QB	6-3	195	22	Duke
Havig, Dennis	G	6-3	237	22	Colorado
Hayes, Tom	CB-S	6-1	197	25	San Diego
James, Glenn	LB	6-1	220	23	Del. State
James, Lindsey	RB	6-3	221	22	San Diego
Jarvis, Ray	WR	6-0	190	22	Norfolk St.
LaFore, Terry	G	6-2	240	23	Parsons
Lewis, Larry	CB-S	6-0	175	23	Ark. AM&N
Lewis, Mike	LB	6-3	223	22	Ark. AM&N
Lowe, Ronny	WR	6-0	190	21	Ft. Valley
Martin, Willie	RB	6-0	222	23	J. C. Smith
Nader, Jim	QB	6-2	204	23	UCLA
Potchad, Mike	DT	6-6	255	23	Pitts. St.
Profit, Joe	RB	6-0	204	22	N.E. La.
Rajeckl, Peter	K	5-10	176	23	Georgia
Shears, Larry	CB-S	5-10	180	22	Lincoln, Mo.
Stepanek, Rick	DT	6-6	224	23	Iowa
Tillman, Faddie	DE	6-5	230	22	Boise St.
Wersching, Randy	K	5-9	200	22	California
Wood, Harrison	WR	6-2	200	25	Washington

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# NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

**PREDICTION**—4th

**F**ootball is an 11-man game, and in the NFL it is played by 40-man squads—except in New Orleans last year, when the Saints, first to last, had 136 different athletes under contract. Fifty-seven of them played in at least one Saints game.

That more or less explains the 1970 Saints.

As for 1971, the outlook is hardly less confused at the site of the NFC's worst franchise. Most of the decisions by the new coach, J.D. Roberts, have been made with an eye to getting New Orleans into contention in the mid-1970s. When the franchise was born (in the mid-1960s) the Saints inaugurated their first five-year plan. Teams building for the future today in pro ball have their problems.

At quarterback, for example, the Saints have come up with one of the brightest prospects in the history of quarterbacking, Archie Manning of Ole Miss. But the gestation period for NFL quarterbacks now is a good 30 to 40 regular-season games. The Saints during the next few years will be unable to protect him physically or mentally—they do not have the resources to protect him. He will be browbeaten physically, intimidated intellectually and booed in New Orleans by ever larger numbers of disappointed fans.

(One definition of a football fan is a man who blames everything on the quarterback.)

So this is Manning's destiny in Louisiana. He is a great athlete (a fine runner and good passer) who, on balance, quite possibly has as much potential as Greg

**J. D. ROBERTS**, Head Coach.  
Assistants: Charlie Tate, Jim Royer, Marv Matuszak, Ken Shipp, Bud Whitehead, Jim Champion.

Landry or even Joe Namath had or Jim Plunkett has. But in Louisiana he has picked up a stacked deck.

The Saints could have eased his transition somewhat by retaining Bill Kilmer as the veteran quarterback. An even-tempered competitor, Kilmer is the ideal kind of athlete to be playing ahead of a youngster. But the new broom that swept through New Orleans this year swept Kilmer out (along with a variety of other talent, including top-drafted receiver Ken Burrough, runners Andy Livingston and Jim Otis, blocker Errol Linden and defensive tackle Dave Rowe). Manning figures as an instant starter, unless he is beaten out by Edd Hargett, who weighs 185, stands 5-11, was born 23 years ago and advanced to the NFL three years ago.

**TOM DEMPSEY**, with JOE SCARPATI holding, sends one of many kicks through uprights as he led Saints in scoring with 70 points on 18 field goals and 16 extra points. The kick was one of four against Detroit, the last a record 63-yarder.





ARCHIE MANNING, quarterback from Ole Miss, is touted as coming star qb.

New Orleans' strongest two departments—backs and receivers—can give Manning a hand. Except medically, there are no problems in the Saints' backfield, where Coach Roberts has Tony Baker, Hoyle Granger and Don McCall. The latter, now 26, starting his second New Orleans tour, is a polished NFL back. The others are even better if they're well. Both are coming off knee operations and whereas some athletes come running from operations, some are more hesitant.

The talent, however, is there. Granger for five years was one of those who made the AFL a fullbacks league. During his Houston days there weren't many fullbacks in the country you'd take ahead of him. Baker, also 225, fits smoothly in New Orleans' bull-elephant backfield. He is a beautiful running machine and, like Granger, only 26 years old. Health permitting the Saints can run.

They can also catch. Danny Abramowicz is the most valuable flanker in the NFC today if you remember to team him with speed on the other side, and Al Dodd, the split end, has at least some of that speed. The two wide receivers, like the veteran backs, are 26. In terms of the new five-year plan, the Saints have their ends and backs, if they can keep them going; even at tight end, Dave Parks is now only 29 after all the football he has played. Parks is the smallest of the NFL's tight ends (6-2, 203) but gets the most out of what he has

both as a blocker and running the ball.

With Parks, Saints, in effect, have the best of two worlds—both a serviceable tight end and the equivalent of three wide receivers in the same lineup.

The problems start in the offensive line at New Orleans. But Roberts doesn't sound worried.

"Actually," he says, "our offensive line played better the

second half of last season. We advanced from 13th in the conference in total offense after seven games to 10th at season's end."

In New Orleans, that, unquestionably, is progress. So maybe Roberts knows something. Pending the start of his first full season, however, the judgment has to be that the jury is out on New Orleans blockers.

In the tentative starting line-up, from left to right, their names are Don Talbert, Jake Kupp, Del Williams, John Shinners and Terry Stoepel. But altogether, 15 candidates are listed for center, guard or tackle, and it might be that they all have an equal chance.

Defensively, the Saints' problem is summed up admirably if quaintly by Coach Roberts as follows: "Last year we couldn't even put pressure on the passer when we called a blitz."

As in the offensive line, there are 15 aspirants for positions in the defensive front four. Those listed as starters, from left, are Richard Neal, Dave Long and



DANNY ABRAMOWICZ rated 2nd in NFC receiving, 55 for 906 yards, 5 TDs.



AL DODD led New Orleans club in punt returns (129 yards) and kickoff returns.

Leo Carroll. None is a household name. Mike Tilleman, voted MVP by his teammates last year, was traded to Houston for tackle Glen Ray Hines and linebacker Jess Lewis.

The 6-7 Rowe, who weighs 280, was considered one of New Orleans' better defensive performers last year by more than one opponent. Roberts jolted the league the day he traded Rowe away. It remains to be seen now which, if any, of the Saints' remaining talent is deemed first class.

As of the start of a new season, most critics would rank the Saints' linebacking department behind even the defensive line. None of the three linebacking positions looks set, although Coach Roberts plans to use Dick Absher somewhere, middle or outside. Mike Morgan, if well, has the inside track on another spot. Other candidates are named Wayne Colman, Tom Roussel, Jim Flanigan, Hap Farber and John Didion and Lewis.

The defensive cornerbacks aren't that bad. Delles Howell

played steadily last year on the left side and Gene Howard is all right at right. Candidates at safety are named Doug Wyatt, Hugo Hollas and Dickie Lyons.

The NFC's leading punter, Julian Fagan, is back this year as a star of the Saints' special teams. The good but sometimes erratic place-kicker, Tom Dempsey, also returns. Tom last year missed four out of five between the 30 and 40—but in an early November game, he kicked one a record 63 yards to beat Detroit. The real measure of the Saints, however, is that they haven't won since that afternoon. They closed out the season with a six-week losing streak.

At the moment, the Saints add up to the saddest story in pro football. When enfranchised four seasons ago, they did not build solidly, throwing away draft choices unwisely and fighting among themselves over personnel policies. Tom Fears, the coach of the Saints during their first 3½ years, finally got charge of recruiting last season—but by then it was too late to save either him or the ball club. Tom was

fired, and the club disintegrated.

In the NFC today, Dallas and Minnesota are examples of expansion teams that built on good foundations—and in the AFC, Miami and Cincinnati are showing that it is still possible to construct representative teams from scratch.

New Orleans has not yet begun to begin. After four full years in business, the Saints today may have only one embryo All-Pro, Manning. And in his present environment, Manning is a bad bet to ever get there.

#### SAINTS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs.	Pro	College
46	Abramowicz, D.	WR	6-1	195	26	5	Xavier (O)	
53	Absher, Dick	LB	6-4	235	27	5	Maryland	
38	Baker, Tony	RB	5-11	225	26	4	Iowa State	
32	Barrington, Tom	RB	6-1	213	27	6	Ohio State	
88	Carroll, Leo	DE	6-7	250	27	4	San Diego	
50	Cox, Jim	TE	6-2	230	24	4	Miami (Fla.)	
59	Colman, Wayne	LB	6-1	230	25	4	Temple	
36	Davis, Dick	RB	5-11	215	24	2	Nebraska	
19	Dempsey, Tom	K	6-1	264	24	3	Palomar	
51	Didion, John	C-LB	6-4	245	23	3	Ore. St.	
20	Dodd, Al	WR	6-0	185	26	6	N.W. La.	
47	Dusenberry, B.	WR	6-2	198	23	2	J. C. Smith	
84	Emanuel, Frank	LB	6-3	225	28	6	Tennessee	
85	Estes, Lawrence	DE	6-6	260	24	4	Alcorn A&M	
10	Fagan, Julian	P	6-3	205	23	2	Mississippi	
56	Farber, Hap	LB	6-1	221	23	2	Mississippi	
55	Flanigan, Jim	LB	6-3	240	26	6	Pittsburgh	
40	Granger Hoyle	RB	6-1	225	27	6	Miss. St.	
14	Hargett, Eddie	QB	5-11	185	23	3	Texas A&M	
18	Hines, Glen Ray	T	6-5	265	28	6	Arkansas	
18	Hollas, Hugo	S	6-1	190	26	2	Rice	
29	Howard, Gene	CB	6-0	190	24	4	Langston	
20	Howell, Delles	CB	6-3½	195	24	2	Grambling	
52	Huard, John	LB	6-0	220	27	5	Maine	
53	Kupp, Jake	G	6-3	248	30	8	Washington	
89	Lewis, Jess	LB	6-1	230	24	2	Oregon St.	
80	Long, Dave	DE	6-4	245	26	6	Iowa	
43	Lyons, Dick	S	6-0	191	24	2	Kentucky	
33	McCall, Don	RB	5-11	195	26	5	So. Cal.	
57	Morgan, Mike	LB	6-4	242	29	8	L.S.U.	
87	Neal, Richard	DE	6-3	254	23	3	Southern	
83	Parks, Dave	TE	6-2	203	29	8	Tex Tech	
75	Regel, Mike	DT	6-5	260	24	2	Hawaii	
73	Richey, Mike	T	6-4	263	24	3	No. Carolina	
54	Roussell, Tom	LB	6-3	235	26	4	So. Cal.	
32	Seller, Paul	T	6-4	260	25	3	Notre Dame	
30	Shaw, Bob	WR	6-0	194	22	2	Win.-Salem	
67	Shinners, John	G	6-3	254	24	3	Xavier (O)	
80	Stoeppel, Terry	T	6-4	235	26	3	Tulsa	
60	Sutherland, Doug	G	6-3	250	23	1	Wisc. St.	
79	Swinnery, Clivis	DT	6-3	240	26	2	Ark. St.	
72	Talbert, Don	T	6-5	255	31	8	Texas	
71	Trosch, Gene	DE	6-7	270	26	3	Miami	
61	Williams, Del	G	6-2	240	25	5	Fla. St.	
23	Wyatt, Doug	S	6-1½	195	24	2	Tulsa	

#### ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Blossom, C.	DE	6-4	270	24	Tex. So. Cal.
Burgoon, Chuck	LB	6-2½	235	23	No. Park
Bell, Carlos	RB	6-5	238	23	Houston
Burchfield, Don	TE	6-2	218	22	Bali State
Campbell, Dave	DE	6-5	250	23	Auburn
Cannon, Glen	S	6-1	185	24	Mississippi
DiNardo, Larry	G	6-1	246	22	Notre Dame
Eben, Hermann	WR	6-1½	195	22	Oklahoma St.
Elder, James	CB	5-10½	183	23	Southern
Fox, Denton	S	6-2	205	24	Tex. Tech
Gathright, Ron	CB	6-3	195	24	Morehead St.
Graves, Bart	DE	6-4	240	21	Tulane
Gresham, Bob	RB	5-11½	221	22	Willamette
Hester, Ray	LB	6-1	215	22	Tulane
Holden, Sam	T	6-3	258	24	Grambling
Klahr, Gary	LB	6-3	240	24	Arizona
Lloyd, Tom	DT	6-4	240	22	Bowl. Green
Lee, Bivian	CB	6-13	200	23	Prairie View
Manning, Archie	QB	6-3½	204	22	Mississippi
Manuel, James	G	6-4	255	25	Toledo
Martin, D'Art.	CB	6-1	190	22	Ky. State
Morrison, Don	T	6-5	255	21	Arlington
Moorhead, Don	RB	6-2	203	22	Michigan
Newland, Bob	WR	6-2	190	22	Oregon
Pamplin, Rocky	RB	6-2	222	22	Hawaii
Pollard, Bob	DE	6-3½	245	22	Weber State
Robinson, Craig	T	6-4	250	22	Houston
Scott, Bobby	QB	6-1	201	22	Tennessee
Smith, Joel	CB	6-0	175	22	Ala. St.
Smith, Joseph	CB	6-0	175	22	Ala. St.
Williams, Tom	LB-S	6-3½	245	24	San Diego
Wintner, Wimpy	C-T	6-4½	261	23	Mississippi
Woodard, Lon	DE	6-5	193	23	West Va.



JULIAN FAGAN rank first among NFC punters with 42.5-yard average on 77.

GLEN RAY HINES, 6-5 265-pound Houston tackle, is now Saint after trade.





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## PREDICTION—1st

During the Battle of Fredericksburg an easy Confederate victory in 1862) Robert E. Lee (the Confederate general) said:

"It is well that war is terrible, else we might grow too fond of it."

Paraphrasing this viewpoint, an NFL coach today might say:

"It is well that the Dallas Cowboys have quarterback problems, else they might chew us to pieces."

Dallas has become football's greatest defensive team. It is also the best running team in the game. But it can't pass worth a damn. Rather, last year it couldn't; and as it heads into 1971, that is the whole point about the Dallas team. If either quarterback, Craig Morton or Roger Staubach, takes over as a forward passer, the Cowboys should breeze back into the Super Bowl. And if either becomes a great quarterback, the Cowboys can win the next Battle of New Orleans in Super Game VI. But on their record, the odds are against both quarterbacks.

It is a strange thing that Dallas should be a perennial runner-up to somebody for lack of a successful quarterback. It is a strange thing indeed because Don Meredith, to begin with, seemed to have all the tools of greatness (yet, with Meredith, the Cowboys could never win the big one); secondly, Morton is seemingly a faultless passer and experienced leader (yet, with Morton, the Cowboys are still losing on their last day of the season); and third, Staubach seemingly is the most gifted combination passer-runner in the recent history of football. Yet after promoting Staubach to the starting team last fall, and winning with him, the Cowboys ingloriously benched him anyhow.

**TOM LANDRY**, Head Coach.  
Assistants: Ermal Allen, Ernie Stautner, Jim Myers, Jerry Tubbs, Bobby Franklin, Ray Renfro, Dan Reeves.



DUANE THOMAS (33) follows as HERB ADDERLY leads way on one of many runs that piled up 803 yards for Cowboys on 151 carries as one of the NFC's finest.

Any one of those three developments would be considered strange enough. Together they are incredible.

Now, the chances are that the Cowboys can never think seriously of deploying Staubach regularly as their quarterback. Morton has been on the Dallas squad for seven years. He is popular with many of the other veterans. He is a nice guy. He has virtually a vested interest in the quarterback position there—with Meredith gone. The surest way for the Cowboys to make themselves a morale problem would be to promote Staubach, or anybody, over Morton. Almost certainly, the reason Staubach was benched last September—despite a regular-season undefeated record—was pressure from Morton's friends.

The Cowboys this year could trade Morton — they have thought about that, too. Dallas' veterans would accept a trade. They are realists. But Dallas' management cannot bring itself to attempt such a drastic cure. What if Staubach can't, after all, do it? What if he should be injured? Nagged by these and other doubts, the Cowboys grin and bear their burden.

They are pretty sure Staubach is the best quarterback who ever put on a Dallas uniform; but what's the point in betting your life on such a hunch when you can get into the playoffs without being so drastic? With Meredith and Morton at quarterback, the Cowboys, after all, have advanced to the playoffs five winters in a row. Why tempt the fates that have been generous?

Accordingly, the Cowboys will do nothing extreme this year; and therefore, the others in their division, and their conference, have a chance. ("It is well that the Cowboys have quarterback problems.")

Defensively, under coach Tom Landry, the Cowboys have flowered into one of the great teams in football history. They are heavily favored to make the playoffs once more solely because of this defense, which could, without hesitation, be labeled the greatest of all time if the linebackers were as able as the front four and deep four.

The linebacking department is, of course, one of the strengths of the Dallas defense. But in general, this is because the three of them have learned to play harmoniously in Landry's difficult system. Individually, it is to be doubted if any of Dallas' backers—Chuck Howley, Lee Roy Jordan or Dave Edwards—could, as a rookie today, make an NFL defense. All weigh in the low 220s. None is a full 6-2. In an era when the model NFL linebacker rises 6-3 to 6-5 and goes 240, they might not even get a chance.

In Dallas years ago they got their chance on a desperation expansion team, and experience has made them outstanding.

They stand as the classic example of the teamwork that can be generated by three friends in eight or nine years of charging shoulder-to-shoulder as linebackers.

The great talent in Dallas is most visible in the defensive line. To be sure, in the Landry system, teamwork is vital there, too; but in this front four, talent is dominant. Tackle Bob Lilly is to be ranked with Merlin Olsen of the Rams and Alan Page of Minnesota among the best who ever played his position in a defensive line. Tackle Jethro Pugh and the ends, Larry Cole and George Andrie, are similarly mobile, monstrous and menacing.

The deep four was not finally stitched into its present condition of excellence until last year, when Herb Adderley came over from Green Bay and when, simultaneously, not one but two exceptional free safeties emerged. They are Cliff Harris and Charlie Waters, who together give Dallas such depth at free safety as few coaches ever dream of



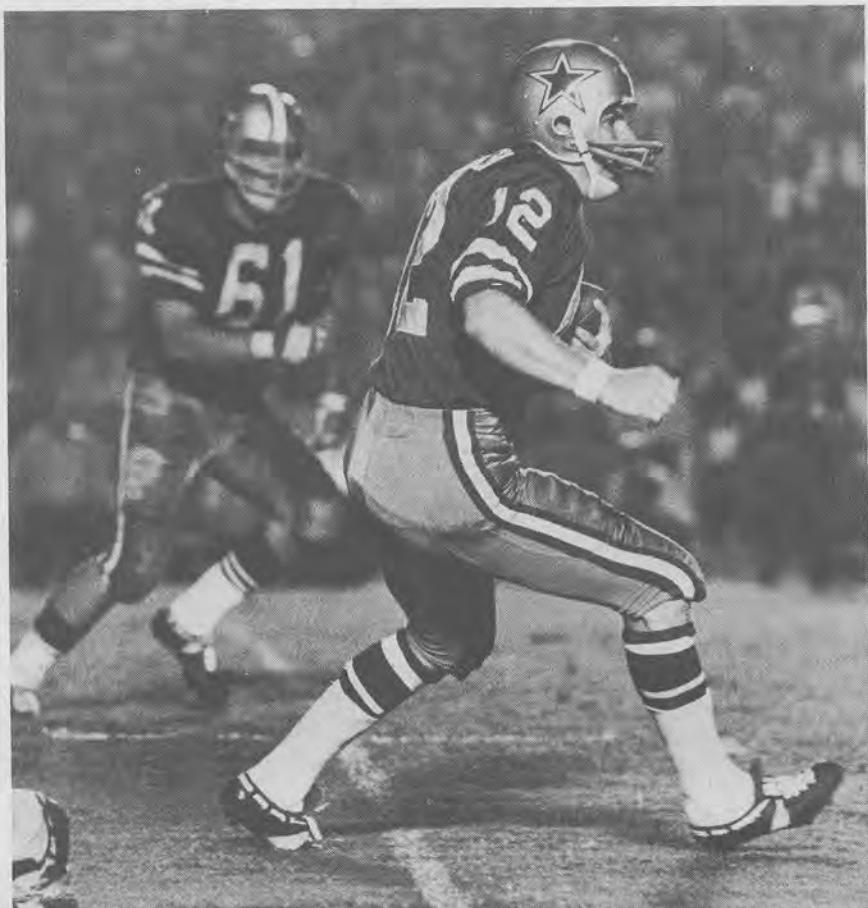
BOB LILLY (left) teams with JETHRO PUGH at defensive tackle to give Dallas an outstanding pair. Bob is a 260-pounder and Jethro packs 260 also.

and perhaps none but Landry ever had. In fact, Landry now employs four great safeties, including Cornell Green and Mike Gaechter on the strong side. Green has a cornerback's speed—he was converted from that position—and therefore, when he's in there, the Cowboy defense is attacking with four cornerbacks, including the two who line up there, Adderley and Mel Renfro.

Of all the defensive Cowboys



CRAIG MORTON (above), fourth in NFC passing, and ROGER STAUBACH, who showed best as rusher, give Dallas outstanding quarterbacks. Craig hit 102 of 207 aerials for 1819 yards and 15 touchdowns. Roger rushed 221 yards on 27 tries while directing the attack.



—of all the Cowboys—Renfro may be the most gifted.

The secondary depth includes Mark Washington, Richmond Flowers and the No. 2 draft choice, Isaac Thomas, who will be tried first as a wide receiver. The linebacking depth includes Steve Kiner, Tom Stincic and D.D. Lewis—the three of whom Landry says: "I don't think we would see much of a drop in performance if any of these fellows had the opportunity to step in."

The front four depth starts with the No. 1 draft choice, Tody Smith of USC, who might be singled out someday as the most valuable non-quarterback acquisition by anybody in the 1971 draft.

Friends, Dallas can defend.

It can also be candidly confessed that Dallas leads the league in running backs, including Walt Garrison, the NFL's most underrated fullback. At halfback, Landry has decided to have a contest between the 1969 and 1970 NFL Rookies of the Year, Calvin Hill and Duane Thomas. Last year, when Hill was injured, Thomas became the most dangerous and successful halfback in the NFC (a role he might not have played if Gale Sayers had been healthy). Thomas in any case is the most talented running back to enter pro football in years, perhaps since Sayers.

**MEL RENFRO**, an eight-year vet, is one of game's outstanding cornerbacks.

The offensive line last year was almost totally rebuilt; but strangely, the five blockers performed as if they had been a unit for a half-dozen years. The only explanation for such a development is native ability. Like the defensive line, which has Lilly, the offensive line is led by an extraordinary athlete, Ralph Neely. The other tackle is Rayfield Wright, with Dave Manders at center and John Niland and Blaine Nye at guards. The positions they filled last year were filled by others only a year earlier, with one exception (Niland). The shakeup should have shaken the Cowboys out of the title, but it didn't. Their talent is too much.

The Dallas problem area, quarterbacking, would be worse if it weren't for the generous quality of their receivers: Bob Hayes, Lance Alworth, Margene Adkins, Reggie Rucker, Gloster Richardson and the tight ends, Billy Truax and Mike Ditka.

The Cowboys can kick with Mike Clark and Rod Widby, but it might not matter.

#### 1970 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

**SCORING**—Clark, 89 points on 35 XP, 18 field goals ..... 8th  
**RUSHING**—Thomas, 151 carries for 803 yds., 5.3 Avg., 5 TDS ..... 5th  
**PASSING**—Morton, 102 in 207 attempts for 1819 yds., 15 TDs ..... 4th  
**RECEIVING**—Hayes, 34 receptions for 889 yds., 10 TDs ..... 26th  
**INTERCEPTIONS**—Waters, 5 for 45 yds., 9.0 Avg. ..... 13th  
**PUNTING**—Widby, 69 punts, 41.3 Avg., longest 59 yds. ..... 2nd  
**PUNT RETURNS**—Hayes, 15 for 116 yds., 7.7 Avg. ..... 7th  
**KICKOFF RETURNS**—Thomas, 19 for 416 yds., 21.9 Avg. ..... 10th

#### Pre-season Games

Aug. 6 AT Los Angeles (N)  
 14 NEW ORLEANS (N)  
 20 CLEVELAND (N)  
 26 AT Houston (N)  
 Sept. 3 AT Baltimore (N)  
 11 KANSAS CITY (N)

#### 1971 SCHEDULE

Sept. 19 AT Buffalo

#### 1970 Scores

26 AT Philadelphia 17-7  
 Oct. 3 WASHINGTON 34-0  
 11 N.Y. GIANTS (N) 28-10  
 17 AT New Orleans —  
 24 NEW ENGLAND —  
 31 AT Chicago —  
 Nov. 7 AT St. Louis 7-20  
 14 PHILADELPHIA 21-17  
 21 AT Washington 45-21  
 25 LOS ANGELES —  
 Dec. 4 N.Y. JETS —  
 12 AT N.Y. Giants 20-23  
 18 ST. LOUIS 0-38



RON WIDBY, 2nd among NFC punters, kicked 2847 yards for 41.3 per kick.

#### COWBOYS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs.	Pro	College
26	Adderley, Herb	CB	6-1	200	32	11	Mich. St.	
23	Adkins, M.	WR	5-10	183	24	2	Henderson	
	Alworth, L.	WR	6-0	180	31	10	Arkansas	
66	Andrie, George	DE	6-6	250	31	10	Marquette	
78	Asher, Bob	T	6-5	250	23	2	Vanderbilt	
11	Belden, Bob	QB	6-2	205	24	2	Notre Dame	
83	Clark, Mike	K	6-1	205	30	9	Tex. A&M	
63	Cole, Larry	DE	6-4	250	25	4	Hawaii	
89	Ditka, Mike	TE	6-3	225	31	11	Pittsburgh	
52	Edwards, Dave	LB	6-1	225	31	9	Auburn	
45	Flowers, R.	S	6-0	180	24	3	Tennessee	
*27	Gaechter, Mike	S	6-0	190	31	9	Oregon	
32	Garrison, Walt	RB	6-0	205	27	6	Okla. St.	
34	Green, Cornell	S	6-3	208	31	10	Utah St.	
64	Hagen, Halvor	C-G	6-5	253	24	3	Weber St.	
43	Harris, Cliff	S	6-0	184	22	2	Ouachita	
22	Hayes, Bob	WR	5-11	185	28	7	Fla. A&M	
35	Hill, Calvin	RB	6-4	227	24	3	Yale	
54	Howley, Chuck	LB	6-2	225	35	13	West Va.	
55	Jordan, L. R.	LB	6-1	221	30	9	Alabama	
60	Kiner, Steve	LB	6-0	218	24	2	Tennessee	
50	Lewis, D.D.	LB	6-1	225	25	3	Miss. St.	
74	Lilly, Bob	DT	6-5	260	32	11	TCU	
72	Liscio, Tony	T	6-5	255	31	8	Tulsa	
51	Manders, Dave	C	6-2	250	30	7	Mich. St.	
14	Morton, Craig	QB	6-4	214	28	7	California	
73	Neely, Ralph	T	6-6	265	27	7	Oklahoma	
61	Niland, John	G	6-3	245	27	6	Iowa	
75	Pugh, Jethro	DT	6-6	260	27	7	Eliz. City	
30	Reeves, Dan	RB	6-1	200	27	7	So. Carolina	
20	Renfro, Mel	CB	6-0	190	29	8	Oregon	
	Richardson, G.	WR	6-0	200	29	5	Jackson St.	
88	Rucker, Reggie	WR	6-2	190	24	2	Boston U.	
12	Staubach, R.	QB	6-3	197	29	3	Navy	
55	Stincic, Tom	LB	6-4	230	24	3	Michigan	
33	Thomas, Duane	RB	6-1	220	24	2	W. Tex. St.	
67	Toomay, Pat	DE	6-5	244	23	2	Vanderbilt	
	Truax, Billy	TE	6-5	235	28	8	LSU	
	Tucker, W.	WR	5-11	185	28	5	SC State	
46	Washington, M.	CB	5-10	188	23	2	Morgan St.	
41	Waters, Charlie	S	6-1	193	22	2	Clemson	
42	Welch, Claxton	RB	5-11	203	24	3	Oregon	
10	Widby, Ron	P	6-4	210	26	4	Tennessee	
70	Wright, Rayfield	T	6-6	255	26	5	Ft. Valley	

\*Missed entire 1970 season with injury.

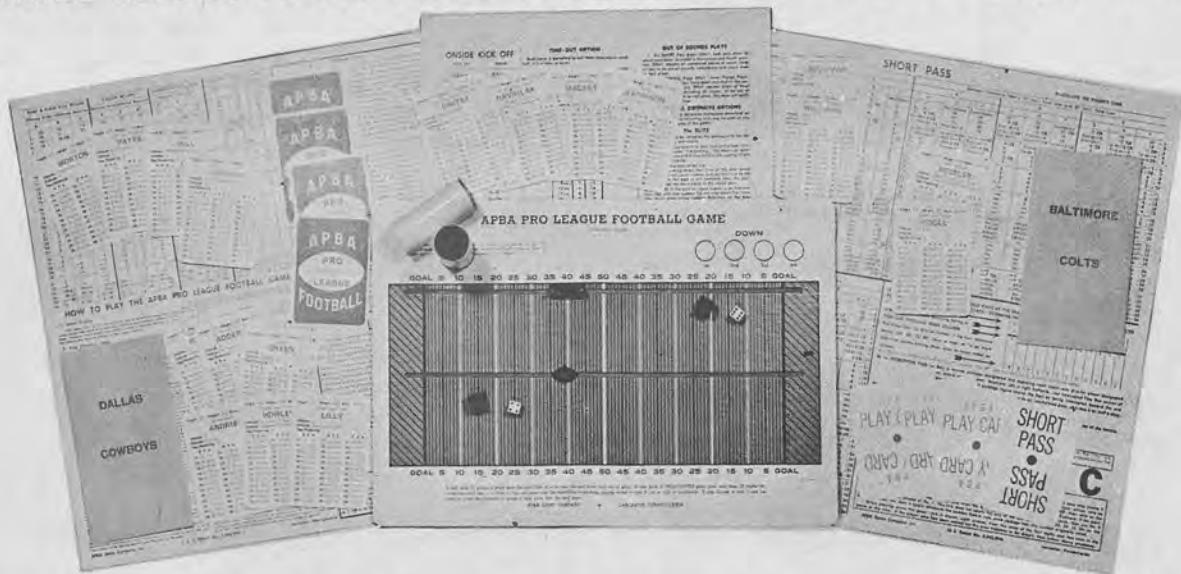
#### ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Bomer, John	C	6-3	230	22	Memphis St.
Bonwell, Ernest	LB	6-4	225	22	Lane
Brennan, John	T	6-3	260	24	Boston Col.
Carter, Joe	TE	6-3	219	23	Grambling
Couey, Tyrone	CB	6-2	194	22	Utah St.
Fitzgerald, John	T	6-4	265	23	Boston Col.
Ford, James	RB	6-0	200	22	Tex. So'ern
Goepel, Steve	QB	6-2	200	22	Colgate
Gregory, Bill	DE	6-5	240	22	Wisconsin
Griffin, Bill	T	6-5	250	23	Catawba
Jackson, Honor	WR	6-2	190	23	Pacific
Jesse, Ron	WR	6-0	183	23	Kansas
Kadziel, Ron	LB	6-3	215	22	Stanford
Maier, Steve	WR	6-3	192	23	No. Arizona
Mitchell, Buddy	T	6-5	232	22	Mississippi
Mooers, Doug	DE	6-6	265	24	Whittier
Scarber, Sam	RB	6-2	235	22	New Mexico
Smith, Tody	DE	6-5	250	23	So'ern. Cal.
Thomas, Isaac	CB	6-2	191	24	Bishop
Wallace, R.	DT	6-5	260	22	New Mexico
Williams, Joe	RB	6-0	193	24	Wyoming
Young, Bob	TE	6-5	250	23	Delaware



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# ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

**PREDICTION**—2nd

To become world champions this year, the St. Louis football Cardinals need only two things, a stiffer defense and more consistent quarterbacking. They have everything else, including a talented quarterback, Jim Hart. Jim gets the yards, and often he gets the points. He has been remiss only in the area of consistency—and significantly enough, the new Cardinal coach blames the pass offense in general as

much as quarterbacking for this failure.

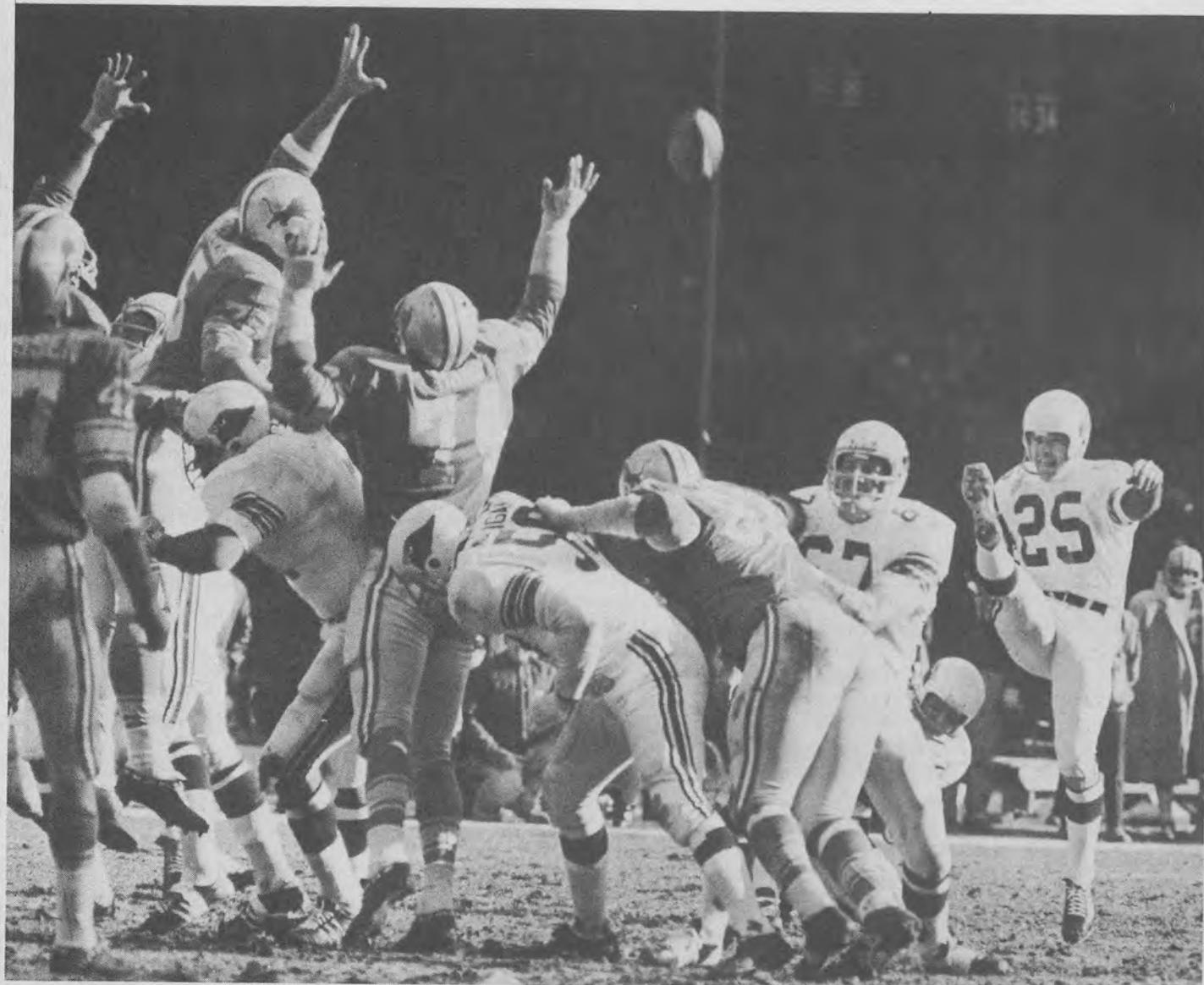
Says Bob Hollway: "The passing game must improve so we can play consistent football throughout the season. We must work on the short and intermediate passing game as well as the play-action phase, and receivers must improve in running their inside patterns."

In other words, Hollway is saying that breakdowns on inside patterns and on medium-distance patterns (as distinct from bomb

**BOB HOLLOWAY**, Head Coach. Assistants: Chuck Drulis, Dick Voris, Leeman Bennett, Lew Carpenter, Bob Leach, Tony Versaci, Joe Spencer.

plays) led to St. Louis' troubles last year. He does not absolve Hart. He simply refrains from criticizing the quarterback as strenuously as other NFL coaches do.

The other Cardinal problem is shown in the 1970 statistics which identify St. Louis as second in NFC offense but fifth in defense. Thus the Cardinals, even with their passing deficiencies, have enough offense to win the world title if they only had enough defense.



JIM BAKKEN tries for field goal against Lions. Center WAYNE MULLIGAN and LARRY STALLINGS (67) provide protection.



MACARTHUR LANE keeps driving on road to 977 yards on 206 tries, 11 TDs.

Here again Hollway has the answer, though he doesn't have to verbalize it this time. The answer is a Minnesota-type zone defense. This is what Hollway will coach in St. Louis this year after coaching it in Minnesota for the last four years.

With only slight improvements on defense and at quarterback, the Cardinals will have a Super Bowl team. They are the best longshot bet in either conference to win the world championship, for two reasons. The first is Hollway's coaching. An Ann Arbor product well-rehearsed by Bud Grant at Minnesota, Hollway is the most impressive of the newcomers to the head coaches' union.

The second reason to fear the Cardinals is reflected in their record last year when they may have been the NFL's best team for a couple of months, sailing into December with a 8-2-1 record. Because they lost their last three, there has been a tendency to downgrade the Cards. Actually, they were a better offensive club than champion Dallas and almost the Cowboys' equal on defense. The St. Louis average of 319.4 yards a game in total offense was exceeded only by the Bay Area teams, Oakland and

San Francisco, among all the 26 in pro ball.

It was acknowledged last year that, first, Charley Winner coached the Cardinals successfully and that, second, when he was fired, he left a better reservoir of material than most of the other fired coaches in pro ball, particularly Houston's, Washington's, New Orleans', Green Bay's and Cleveland's. Hollway has the material; he also seems to be a coach. The combination should make St. Louis a contender.

On offense, St. Louis is clearly a power, with leadership by two young and experienced quarterbacks, Hart and Pete Beathard. In terms of total effectiveness, they are nearly equal in ability, and this is a fact which may strain the seams of the Cardinal ship. Hollway will have to keep both of them content, and also their teammates, some of whom prefer one and some the other.

At the receiving positions the Cardinals offer speed with Dave Williams, who had an off-year in 1970, and John Gilliam. The tight end is Jackie Smith, a veteran of five consecutive appearances in the Pro Bowl.

The NFC is a running conference with the top three ground-

gainers in the NFL, Washington's Larry Brown, New York's Ron Johnson and the 220-pound Cardinal, MacArthur Lane. Now a four-year veteran, Lane rose last fall to the prominence the Cards expected of him when they drafted him No. 1 out of Utah State. John Roland is still important to the Cards' ground offense. So is Cid Edwards. And their No. 1 choice a year ago was Larry Stegent, a back from Texas A&M, still listed as a rookie after sitting out the season with a knee.

In the line, three veterans of Pro Bowl class (Ernie McMillan, Bob Reynolds and Irv Goode) were joined a year ago by a new center (Wayne Mulligan) and guard (Clyde Williams) who came through with style. Card passers were sacked only 26 times in 14 games.

The defensive strength of St. Louis is in the secondary, led by the veteran All-Pro, Larry Wilson, one of football's great free safeties of all time. Strong safety Jerry Stovall makes St. Louis as impenetrable in the center as any defense in the league. But at the corners, St. Louis may be even stronger. Roger Wehrli came on as an All-Pro last fall in his sophomore season. Veteran Miller Farr remains one of the better

JIM HART completed 171 passes for 2575 yards, 14 TDs as Cardinal qb.



CHUCK LATOURETTE returned 13 kick-offs for 254 yards; 30 punts for 171.



left cornermen in the game. Last year's coach, Winner, an expert on defensive backfields, left the Cards with the best they've ever had.

At linebacker, Larry Stallings last year fulfilled his promise as an All-League player. The veteran from Georgia Tech, now 29, heads into the prime of his career with his peak seasons ahead of him. The middle linebacker, Jamie Rivers, has the speed and agility to cover well on passes. From Bowling Green, he is even younger than Stallings, 25, and is moving steadily toward a ranking among the better middle linebackers in the country. A rookie, Don Parish, came through as the right linebacker in 1970. A Stanford man, Parish was named St. Louis Rookie of the Year.

There are some indications that between the youth and speed of the linebackers and the experience of the secondary, Hollway can create a zone defense structure in St. Louis reminiscent of Minnesota's.

The members of St. Louis' front four are not yet household names in America. It's a young

line with two 26-year-old defensive tackles, Fred Heron of San Jose State and Bob Rowe of Western Michigan. The ends are Rolf Krueger, 24, and the old man of the front four, Chuck Walker, 30.

With a chance to upgrade this unit in the draft, the Cardinals instead chose a defensive back, Norm Thompson of Utah. Indeed, of the Cardinals' 23 top rookies, only two are listed as defensive linemen. This would indicate either a satisfaction with present company or an inability to recruit front-four prospects at this time. In any case, the rush of a line that (except for Walker) is not widely respected in the league holds the key to St. Louis' improvement this year as a zone defense club. At Minnesota, the rush of a famous front four makes that defense operative.

Winner left the Cardinals in the hands (and feet) of good specialists. The place-kicker, Jim Bakken, is the No. 10 scorer of all time in football. Chuck Latourette, a dental student, is one of the most valuable of the Cardinals. Chuck is the punter, kick

runner and reserve safety.

Here's Coach Hollway speaking at the start of his first season as a head coach: "The big improvement must come from the veterans as a team and from each individual in his job. Rookies may add depth in the secondary, wide receivers and offensive line, but you cannot count on rookies to play immediately."

That sounds as if Hollway knows his job. So does this: "We are optimistic, but we know we have to make the big step up from the middle (of the standings) to the top. As head coach of the Cardinals, I hope to produce a strong, disciplined, winning football team. I also hope we have a lot of fun doing it."

#### CARDINALS' VETERAN ROSTER

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25	Bakken, Jim	K	6-0	195	30	10	Wisconsin	
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73	McMillan, Ernie	T	6-6	255	33	11	Illinois	
50	Mulligan, Wayne	C	6-2	245	24	3	Clemson	
57	Parish, Don	LB	6-1	220	23	2	Stanford	
28	Pittman, Charlie	RB	6-1	200	23	1	Penn St.	
43	Plummer, Tony	S	5-11	190	24	2	Pacific	
71	Reynolds, Bob	T	6-5	265	32	9	Bowl. Green	
53	Rivers, Jamie	LB	6-2	235	25	4	Bowl. Green	
23	Roland, John	RB	6-2	215	28	6	Missouri	
34	Rosema, Rocky	LB	6-2	230	25	4	Michigan	
75	Rowe, Bob	DT	6-4	260	26	5	West. Mich.	
82	Schmeling, J.	T-DE	6-4	260	26	4	N. Mex. St.	
27	Shivers, Roy	RB	5-11	200	29	6	Utah St.	
68	Siwek, Mike	DT	6-3	260	23	2	West. Mich.	
81	Smith, Jackie	TE	6-4	235	31	9	N. W. La.	
87	Snowden, Carl	DE	6-4	250	24	3	Indiana	
67	Stallings, Larry	LB	6-2	230	29	4	Ga. Tech.	
21	Stovall, Jerry	S	6-2	195	30	8	L.S.U.	
79	Walker, Chuck	DE	6-3	250	30	8	Duke	
22	Wehrli, Roger	CB	6-1	195	23	3	Missouri	
30	White, Paul	RB	6-0	200	23	2	El Paso	
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PUNTING—Latourette, 65 punts,	3rd
40.9 Avg., longest 59 yds.	3rd
PUNT RETURNS—Latourette, 30 for	11th
171 yds., 5.7 Avg.	11th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Latourette, 13 for	254 yds., 19.5 Avg.
254 yds., 19.5 Avg.	17th

#### Pre-season Games

Aug. 14	HOUSTON (N)
21	AT Washington (N)
28	AT Cincinnati (N)
Sept. 4	AT Kansas City (N)
10	CLEVELAND (N)

#### 1971 SCHEDULE

#### 1970 Scores

Sept. 19	WASHINGTON	27-17
27	N.Y. JETS (N)	—
Oct. 3	N.Y. GIANTS	17-34
10	AT Atlanta	—
17	AT Washington	27-28
24	SAN FRANCISCO	—
31	AT Buffalo	—
Nov. 7	DALLAS	20-7
15	AT San Diego	—
21	PHILADELPHIA	23-14
28	AT N.Y. Giants	17-35
Dec. 5	GREEN BAY	—
12	AT Philadelphia	35-20
18	AT Dallas	38-0

#### ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
37	Allen, Jeff	RB	5-11	190	22	Iowa St.
54	Banks, Tom	C	6-1	240	22	Auburn
58	Brame, Lawrence	LB	6-1	212	22	West. Ky.
46	Cooch, Jim	DB	6-2	215	22	Colorado
59	Crennel, Carl	LB	6-0	225	22	West. Va.
72	Dierdorf, Dan	T	6-4	265	21	Michigan
85	Gray, Mel	WR	5-9	175	22	Missouri
45	Harris, Eric	CB	6-0	175	22	Colorado
32	Heiskell, Ted	RB	6-2	225	21	Houston
38	Jakowenko, G.	K	5-9	155	22	Syracuse
61	Johnson, Steve	G	6-2	245	22	S.E. Mo. St.
84	Jones, Wendell	DE	6-4	245	25	Utah
62	Klausen, Doug	T	6-5	240	23	Arizona
29	Miller, Ron	T	6-4	260	22	McNeese
52	Ogle, Rick	LB	6-3	225	22	Colorado
86	Savoy, Mike	WR	6-2	195	23	Black Hills
35	Stegent, Larry	RB	6-1	175	25	Tex. A&M
42	Thompson, Norm	CB	6-1	175	22	Utah
12	Von Dulm, Tim	QB	6-3	195	22	Portland
69	Wallace, R.	LB-DE	6-1	220	22	Missouri
47	Watkins, P.	WR	6-0	190	22	Bluefield
33	Willingham, L.	CB	6-1	185	22	Auburn
78	Yankowski, Ron	DE	6-4	225	24	Kansas St.



# WASHINGTON REDSKINS

PREDICTION—3rd

Many pro football men this year share the opinion that the Washington Redskins are on the way up. Some critics expect the Redskins to be challenging Dallas and St. Louis for the Eastern title in 1971—and there have even been predictions, by otherwise knowledgeable people, that Washington will make the playoffs.

Such observations are based, of course, on the fact that Washington's management has hired a new coach, George Allen, the hard-driving winner from out west. Comparisons are being drawn with another time when Washington brought in a western star to win the championship of

1865, U.S. Grant, who defeated R.E. Lee.

Nonetheless, it seems self-evident that the Redskins are overmatched in the East this time. In terms of personnel, they fall far short of Dallas and St. Louis, the franchises that figure 1-2 in the Eastern Division.

As a passing team, of course, the Redskins rank first in the division and possibly in the conference—provided Sonny Jurgensen has a healthy season at the age of 37. But the NFC is a defensive conference, and the 'Skins don't have it there. Defensively, indeed, you can't name a Redskin who would make the Dallas lineup.

Despite the great talent of tackle Diron Talbert and line-

**GEORGE ALLEN, Head Coach.**  
Assistants: Mike McCormack,  
Ted Marchibroda, Marv Levy,  
Boyd Dowler, Charley Winner,  
Lavern Torgeson, Joe Sullivan.

backer Chris Hanburger, the defensive co-captains of Washington, Dallas is now employing men who are at least their equal in their positions.

So this will be a building year for Coach Allen, much as he hates to think of football in that respect. His function this year is to get a foundation down on which the Redskins can construct a champion some other day. If the Redskins can get on the high side of .500, they will have had a big season. Only one of their predecessors in Washington in the last 16 years won more games than it lost, and this was Vince Lombardi's 1969 team, which finished 7-5-2.

Lombardi wound up second to Dallas that season—but in the

SONNY JURGENSEN gets rid of ball quickly as he is hit by Dallas' George Andrie. Sonny gained 2354 yards, 23 TDs.





CHARLEY HARAWAY, who carried for 577 yards, gets some fine blocking from LARRY BROWN (43), the NFC's leading rusher with 1125 yards, in Eagles' clash.

old Capitol Division, he had only New Orleans and Philadelphia to beat. Allen is in the much more competitive new Eastern Division with Dallas, St. Louis, the New York Giants and the Eagles.

Allen's record starting his sixth season as a coach identifies him as the biggest winner in the NFC. As the head coach at Los Angeles for five years, he averaged 10 wins annually en route to a record of 49-17-4 (.742). This was the best won-loss mark in the conference during that period of time.

Among all NFL coaches, Allen ranks second only to Don Shula of Miami. Shula has averaged 10 wins annually for eight years (81-27-4—.750).

Despite his successes on the field, year after year, Allen failed to please his owner, the late Dan Reeves—just as Shula failed to please owner Carroll Rosenbloom of Baltimore. But whereas Rosenbloom reacted by bringing in a general manager over Shula's head (Don Klosterman), the more direct Reeves fired Allen outright.

This gave the Redskins a chance to pick up their second winning coach in two years—but they were obliged to outbid several other teams to get him. Thus Allen's salary in Washington, on

a seven-year contract, has reached \$100,000, plus up to \$25,000 in bonuses. In Los Angeles, the Rams had paid him \$42,000 plus bonuses that averaged \$12,000.

Philosophically, Allen is a man who stresses winning over building. "The future is now," as he says. Accordingly, the Redskins, like the Rams of the last five years, are getting more mileage out of trades than from the draft of college players. As his first major move in Washington, Allen traded seven draft choices (including a No. 1) for six Rams (including Talbert).

He acquired the entire three-man Ram linebacking department, Jack Pardee, 35; Myron Pottios, 32, and Maxie Baughan, 32. This bolsters the Redskins in one of the places they need it most. As a new season starts they have both class and depth at linebacker with Hanburger and the three ex-Rams plus last year's starters, Harold McLinton and Rusty Tillman.

There is also talent and depth in the secondary with cornerbacks Pat Fischer, Mike Bass and Ted Vactor and safeties Brig Owens, Jon Jaqua and Rickie Harris.

Fischer is 31, Hanburger 30, and the ex-Ram backers are also

in their 30s. Allen holds that "age is always an asset" in pro ball—so long as the player can be restrained from retiring. Each year's new accumulation of experience, he believes, more than cancels out any loss of speed.

"A pro shouldn't even think of retiring until his late 30s," Allen says.

Therefore, Allen's problem area in Washington is the defensive line. Whereas he would prefer fast-thinking if slow-moving 35-year-old linemen, he finds that the old man of his front four is Diron Talbert, 27. Last year, Talbert was the kid in the Ram front four.

A five-year veteran who is just getting started on his pro career, Talbert, in Washington, joins a defensive line including sophomores Bill Brundige, 22, and Manuel Sistrunk, 24, along with Verlon Biggs, 28, obtained from the Jets, at defensive end. Other candidates include a third-year man, John Hoffman, 28, and ex-Ram Bruce Anderson, 27.



CHARLEY TAYLOR, vet receiver hauls in one of 42 catches in '70 in Lion upset.

Brundige, Lombardi's last top-drafted college man, has been moved from tackle to end. Ron McDole, 31, from Buffalo, will strengthen the front four.

Fischer, several times an All-Pro, and the new linebackers will help steady the defense—but these front four are the players who meet the enemy first. The Redskins can hardly be a great deal better than their front four. And if they aren't strong enough to prevent the opposition from double-teaming Talbert and McDole, they're in trouble.

Fortunately, Washington has enough offense to bail out the defense occasionally. Jurgensen is the acknowledged king of passers, one of the two or three most skilled of all time. And behind Jurgensen there is Billy Kilmer, a quarterback Allen always wanted for the Rams.

The backfield, Larry Brown and fullback Charley Harraway, has been intact since Lombardi's first game in 1969. Brown averaged a majestic 4.75 last year as the league's leading ground-gainer when he became the first Redskin ever to exceed 1000 yards. He is a man of extraordinary talent, and his blocker, Harraway, is likewise a fine runner.

Halfback Tommy Mason, one of nine former Rams from the teams that won 74 per cent of the time in Los Angeles, is now one among many Redskin assets.

So is Boyd Dowler, the end coach, a former Packer who has returned to active duty at the age of 33. Dowler, who was always physically ready to play for the Rams last year, when the Packers refused to release him, joins All-Pros Charley Taylor and Jerry Smith in the Washington receiver corps. Taylor at 29 is in the prime of a career that took him to the top last year among all the active receivers in football. He is now second—behind Dowler. Most of the good NFL cornerbacks rank Taylor as the most dangerous catcher in the league.

Jerry Smith is 12th all-time, and in 1971 rates near the top of the game's many exceptional tight ends. The Redskins, in addition, top-drafted a receiver, Cotton Speyrer of Texas.

Guard John Wilbur has come over from the Rams to beef up a reliable group pivoting on All-Pro center Len Hauss. The

guards are Ray Schoenke, Paul Laaveg, Vince Promuto and Roy Schmidt. At tackle are Jim Snowden, Walt Rock and Steve Wright. Allen has also brought in tackle Mike Taylor of USC, a former Pittsburgh No. 1 draft choice. If the Redskins can get out of Taylor the talent that is there, they'll have something.

The special teams immediately improved with the acquisition of Jeff Jordan from Los Angeles. Place-kicker Curt Wright hit 20 of 27 last year for the best field goal percentage in the league. Wright doubles as a kickoff man with end zone range. Punter Mike Bragg last year averaged 40.9. The Redskins can kick as well as run and pass; but they do need a front four.



JERRY SMITH, All-Pro end, grabs TD toss against Cards. Jerry got 43 in '70.

#### 1970 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING	Knight, 93 points on 33	7th
XP, 20 field goals		
RUSHING	Brown, 237 carries for 1125 yds., 4.7 Avg., 5 TDs	1st
PASSING	Jurgenson, 202 in 337 attempts for 2354 yds., 23 TDs	2nd
RECEIVING	Smith, 43 receptions for 575 yds., 9 TDs	14th
INTERCEPTIONS	Owens, 4 for 86 yds., 21.5 Avg.	15th
PUNTING	Bragg, 61 punts, 40.9 Avg., longest 66 yds.	5th
PUNT RETURNS	Harris, 14 for 10 yds., 0.7 Avg.	14th
KICKOFF RETURNS	Vactor, 28 for 700 yds., 25.0 Avg.	6th

#### Pre-season Games

Aug. 7	AT San Diego (N)
14	AT Denver (N)
21	ST. LOUIS (N)
28	BALTIMORE (N)
Sept. 4	AT Miami (N)
11	CINCINNATI (N)

#### 1971 SCHEDULE

Sept. 19	AT St. Louis	17-27
26	AT N.Y. Giants	33-35
Oct. 3	AT Dallas	0-34
10	HOUSTON	—
17	ST. LOUIS	28-27
24	AT Kansas City	—
31	NEW ORLEANS	—
Nov. 7	PHILADELPHIA	24-6
14	AT Chicago	—
21	DALLAS	21-45
28	AT Philadelphia	33-21
Dec. 5	N.Y. GIANTS	24-27
13	AT Los Angeles	—
19	CLEVELAND	—

#### 1970 Scores

17-27
33-35
0-34
—
28-27

#### ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Bynum, Bill	QB	6-0	193	21	W. N. Mex.
Christovich, T.	DE	6-2½	237	23	Wisc. St.
Fanucci, Mike	DE	6-3	218	21	Ariz. State
Germany, Willie	S	5-11	199	22	Morgan St.
Hayman, Conway	G	6-2	265	22	Delaware
Ryczek, Dan	C	6-3	230	21	Virginia
Severson, Jeff	S	5-11	173	21	Long Beach
Speyrer, C.	FL	6-0	171	21	Texas
Starke, George	T	6-5	238	22	Columbia
Taylor, Jesse	TE	5-11	195	22	Cincinnati
Tucker, Glenn	LB	6-0	233	22	N. Tex. St.

# NEW YORK GIANTS

## PREDICTION—4th

**I**t's not easy to predict the future for the New York Giants. The question about this team is, briefly, this: When were the real Giants on the field last year, against St. Louis, or against Los Angeles?

At mid-season 1970 and again in the next-to-last game, the Giants smashed the Cardinals, 35-17 and 34-17; and then in the last game of the year, they were in turn smashed by the Rams, 31-3.

These performances must be analyzed in the light of a fact about St. Louis that isn't generally appreciated, namely the fact that the St. Louis team is one of the NFL's few powerhouses.

The Cards are not only the most underrated club in the league, they're among the most underrated of the last 10 years. The Cardinal defense blanked three straight opponents last fall.

And in two appearances against Dallas' divisional champions, the Cardinals won by a composite 58-7.

Yet they were putty in the hands of the Giants, who in turn played ineffectively eventually against Los Angeles.

Now, this is not by itself an unfamiliar phenomenon in pro football. All teams win some and lose some. But New York does seem a special case. It was immeasurably better than two of the NFL's finest, Dallas and St. Louis; yet it was inexplicably unsuccessful in its big test of the season, when, going for a divisional title, it could score only a field goal and lost everything.

"We were never flatter," the coach, Alex Webster, said afterward of the Ram-Giant game, and that's the truth. "But perhaps the adversity of that final-game loss will make us a sounder ball club in the long run." And that's likely.

**ALEX WEBSTER**, Head Coach.  
Assistants: Emlen Tunnell, Norb Hecker, Joe Walton, Jim Kacavage. Frank "Pop" Ivy, Jim Garrett.

In two seasons as the leader of a team for which he formerly played with distinction, Webster has improved from 6-8 to 9-5. This is a prize showing for so inexperienced a coach. At least two of the pro teams that made the playoffs last winter won fewer games than Webster did. The Washington Touchdown Club voted him coach of the year.

Webster is a Giant asset, and in truth this is a team of personalities. Few of New York's competitors have a greater variety of first-rate players.

The roll call of Giant stars starts, of course, with quarterback Fran Tarkenton, who has managed not to let Joe Namath steal too long a lead in the Gotham celebrity league. Halfback Ron Johnson developed smoothly last year into the NFL's best runner-receiver at his position. His 1514 aggregate yards led both conferences as Johnson



RON JOHNSON, who piled up 1027 yards, is first Giant with 1000 season.



WILLIE WILLIAMS (41), SCOTT EATON (20), CARL LOCKHART (43) and TOM LONGO (41) join in pursuit of last year's leading ground-gainer, Larry Brown.



FRED DRYER, 6-6 and 240, defensive end (89), is top on N.Y. front line.



JIM FILES is 2nd year bulwark on defense as brilliant middle linebacker.



FRAN TARKENTON, vet field general, 3rd best passer in NFC, 2777 yds.

became the first Giant ever to top 1000 yards carrying footballs.

Clifton McNeil, also now a Giant, is one of the league's many great wide receivers and Bob Tucker one of the many great tight ends. Tucker Frederickson, free of injuries at last, fulfilled his promise as a ballcarrier last year and exceeded the club's high expectations for him as a blocker. There are two jewels on defense, Jim Files and Fred Dryer; and there are others.

The Giants, in short, have a nucleus comparable with the NFL's other good teams, and the statistics for 1970 make the same point. Offensively, the Giants finished fourth in the NFC behind San Francisco, St. Louis and Dallas. (Another way to look at this is to note that the NFC East houses three of the top four offenses in the conference, the Cardinals, Cowboys and Giants.) In detail, New York was second in pass offense and fifth in rushing offense.

The area for improvement was fingered as follows in 1970: the Giants were only 10th in defense. At the same time, they were 3-0 against former AFL teams, indicating some kind of pattern for the future. Finally, the Giant injury list included at least three

players with the ability to make a visible improvement in team performance this fall. They are Junior Coffey, a tough running back; Willie Townes, an experienced defensive lineman from Dallas, and Wes Grant, a promising defensive lineman from UCLA.

Here's how Webster analyzes his problem platoon as of last year:

"The defense came a long way, but it's got to be a lot better if we hope to make a serious run at the title. Specifically, we must strengthen the rush line and solidify our linebacking. We feel the secondary is adequate—that is, if the situation improves up front."

On offense, the Giants will make their I Formation attack even more sophisticated this year with the double threat of Tarkenton (pass and run) and the double threat of Johnson (run and catch).

"We have the backfield personnel to do some interesting things with the I Formation," says Webster. "We hope to open it up this year."

Tarkenton, Johnson and Frederickson played almost the whole season in the Giants' 1970 backfield. The bench includes Joe Morrison. At the receiving posi-

tions this season, the Giants hope to pair Johnson and the No. 1 draft choice, Rocky Thompson, a 9.2 sprinter from West Texas State. The tight end, Tucker, caught 40 passes last fall during his spectacular rookie campaign. The Giants also have Don Herrmann and Aaron Thomas back.

The blockers are mature and resourceful: center Greg Larson, guards Pete Case and Doug Van Horn and tackles Willie Young and Dick Buzin. Although the Giants sound a bit worried about creeping age in their offensive line, the oldest blocker, Larson, is only 32—a kid by the new NFL standards applied by George Allen. If there is a problem in this Giant area, it is not too much age but too little unity; the five haven't been together long enough.

Fred Dryer is the most consistent defensive lineman. With Bob Lurtsema available again, the Giants are going to try rookie Wes Grant at the other defensive end. Last year's tackles were Jim Kanicki and Jerry Shay, a steady pair, but Shay broke a leg in the last game. During the summer season, the Giants will experiment with Willie Townes here and Lurtsema. Stanford rookie Dave Tipton is a possibility.

At linebacker, Webster's problem is lack of speed, especially outside with Ralph Heck and Mat Hazeltine. The latter is one of the NFL's smartest at his position but he's 38 or 39 years old, and a pro that age is always expected to prove it. The middle linebacker, Jim Files, 23, 6-4, 240, is a find. This winter the Giants drafted three linebackers.

The secondary, the heart of the Giant defense, is manned by cornerbacks Scott Eaton and Willie Williams and safeties Spider Lockhart, Tom Longo and ex-Cowboy Otto Brown.

The star of the special teams is Pete Gogolak, the placekicker

who shattered two Giant records last season (most points, 107, and longest field goal, 54 yards). New York's punter, the left-footed Bill Johnson, is also back; but Webster is looking for a punter with more consistency.

To contend this season, the Giants will have to have more injury luck than some teams. There is some substance on their bench, but not much brilliance.

For example, the Giants urgently need Jerry Shay back at defensive tackle, and may not get him unless Jerry's bad leg makes a fast recovery. In terms of experienced depth, the Giants can hardly replace him. They also need a man like Wes Grant in their front four, and Grant is recovering from a broken back.

It would be good for the conference to have the Giants winning again this year. For one thing, it helps any league to have the New York team winning and drawing the attention of the media people. Second, Joe Namath is a New Yorker who quarterbacks the probable favorite in the other conference. The pressure is on the Giants.



BOB LURTSEMA, an eight-year vet, is back at defensive end for Giants.

#### GIANTS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs.	College
72	Baker, John	DE	6-5	260	29	2	Norfolk St.
60	Banks, Willie	G	6-1	200	23	4	Alcorn A&M
21	Brown, Otto	DB	6-1	188	24	3	Pr. View
77	Buzin, Dick	T	6-4	250	26	4	Penn St.
65	Case, Pete	G	6-3	245	30	10	Georgia
34	Coffey, Junior	RB	6-1	215	29	5	Washington
74	Crane, Dennis	T	6-6	250	26	4	U.S.C.
51	Douglas, John	LB	6-2	225	26	2	Missouri
89	Dryer, Fred	DE	6-6	240	25	3	S. Diego St.
28	Duhon, Bobby	RB	6-0	195	25	3	Tulane
20	Eaton, Scott	DB	6-3	205	26	5	Oregon St.
58	Files, Jim	LB	6-4	240	23	2	Oklahoma
24	Frederickson, T.	RB	6-2	220	28	6	Auburn
3	Gogolak, Peter	K	6-1	190	28	8	Cornell
33	Green, Joe	DB	5-11	195	24	2	Bowl. Green
61	Harper, Charlie	G-T	6-0	250	27	6	Oklahoma St.
64	Hazeltine, Matt	LB	6-1	225	37	15	California
55	Heck, Ralph	LB	6-1	230	30	9	Colorado
85	Herrmann, Don	WR	6-2	195	24	3	Waynesburg
84	Houston, Dick	WR	6-2	197	25	3	E. Tex. St.
56	Hughes, Pat	C	6-2	240	23	2	Boston U.
36	Johnson, Bill	P	6-2	208	27	2	Livingston
30	Johnson, Ron	RB	6-1	205	23	3	Michigan
73	Kanicki, Jim	LT	6-4	270	29	11	Mich. St.
52	Kirby, John	LB	6-3	232	29	8	Nebraska
87	Kotite, Dick	TE	6-3	230	26	5	Wagner
23	Koy, Ernie	RB	6-3	225	29	7	Texas
53	Larson, Greg	C	6-3	250	32	11	Minnesota
43	Lockhart, Carl	DB	6-2	175	28	7	N. Tex. St.
44	Longo, Tom	DB	6-1	200	27	3	Notre Dame
71	Lurtsema, Bob	DE	6-6	250	29	5	West. Mich.
18	McNeil, Clifton	WR	6-2	187	30	8	Grambling
40	Morrison, Joe	RB	6-1	212	34	13	Cincinnati
26	Parker, Ken	DB	6-1	190	25	2	Fordham
75	Shay, Jerry	DT	6-3	245	27	6	Purdue
11	Shiner, Dick	QB	6-0	195	29	8	Maryland
25	Shy, Les	RB	6-1	200	27	6	Long Beach
10	Tarkenton, Fran	QB	6-0	190	31	11	Georgia
88	Thomas, Aaron	WR	6-3	215	33	11	Ore. St.
38	Tucker, Bob	TE	6-3	230	25	2	Bloomsburg
63	Van Horn, Doug	G	6-2	245	28	5	Ohio St.
41	Williams, Willie	DB	6-0	190	28	7	Grambling
69	Young, Willie	T	6-0	265	28	6	Grambling

#### 1970 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING	Gogolak, 107 points on 32 XP, 25 field goals	3rd
RUSHING	R. Johnson, 263 carries for 1027 yds., 3.9 Avg., 8 TDs	2nd
PASSING	Tarkenton, 219 in 389 attempts for 2777 yds., 19 TDs	3rd
RECEIVING	McNeil, 50 receptions for 764 yds., 4 TDs	5th
INTERCEPTIONS	Williams, 6 for 114 yds., 19.0 Avg.	5th
PUNTING	B. Johnson, 43 punts, 39.5 Avg., longest 68 yds.	8th
PUNT RETURNS	Duhon, 19 for 157 yds., 8.3 Avg., 1 TD	6th
KICKOFF RETURNS	Shy, 21 for 544 yds., 25.9 Avg.	4th

#### Pre-season Games

Aug. 9	AT Houston (N)	
14	AT New England (N)	
22	N.Y. Jets at N. Haven, Conn.	
28	Philadelphia at Princeton, N.J.	
Sept. 4	AT Cleveland (N)	
12	PITTSBURGH	

#### 1971 SCHEDULE 1970 Scores

Sept. 19	AT Green Bay	—
26	WASHINGTON	35-33
Oct. 3	AT St. Louis	34-17
11	AT Dallas (N)	10-28
17	BALTIMORE	—
24	AT Philadelphia	20-23
31	MINNESOTA	—
Nov. 7	SAN DIEGO	—
14	AT Atlanta	—
21	AT Pittsburgh	—
28	ST. LOUIS	35-17
Dec. 5	AT Washington	27-24
12	DALLAS	23-20

#### ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Amelung, Frank	G	6-1	258	23	Florida
Athas, Pete	DB	5-11	185	25	Tennessee
Bailey, Tom	T	6-5	265	28	Alcorn A&M
Barron, George	T	6-4	273	26	Miss. St.
Blanchard, Tom	P-QB6-0	190	22	Oregon	
Brumfield, Claude	G	6-3	240	24	Tenn. St.
Butler, Al	DB	6-3	220	26	Compton
Delaney, Tim	WR	5-11	190	23	S. Diego St.
Ellison, Mark	G	6-2	250	22	Dayton
Evans, Charlie	RB	6-1	215	21	U.S.C.
Gabriel, Tony	TE	6-4	205	22	Syracuse
Gallardi, Lou	DT	6-5	255	24	Dayton
Gibbs, Dick	TE	6-6	215	22	El Paso
Gregory, Ted	DE	6-4	245	22	Delaware
Hanson, Dick	DT	6-6	280	22	No. Dak. St.
Higgins, Pete	DB	6-2	198	24	Wisconsin
Hornsby, Ron	LB	6-3	232	21	S.E. La.
Newton, Clarence	G	6-3	245	22	N.E. Okla.
Olson, Steve	QB	6-3	200	23	Idaho
Reed, Henry	LB	6-3	230	22	Weber St.
Rodgers, Tom	K	6-2	240	23	B.-Wallace
Roller, Dave	DT	6-2	240	22	Kentucky
Smith, Allen	RB	5-10	190	29	Findlay
Thomas, Ed	LB	6-2	240	21	Lebanon Val.
Thompson, R.	WR	5-11	200	22	W. Tex. St.
Tipton, Dave	DE	6-6	240	22	Stanford
Walton, Wayne	T-C	6-5	245	22	Ab. Christ.
Wilson, Bob	DB	6-3	200	24	Weber St.
Wright, Jim	LB	6-1	230	22	Notre Dame
Young, Ulysses	DB	6-3	190	25	Allen U.
Zigulich, Joe	C	6-1	235	22	No'western
Zeno, Coleman	WR	6-4	210	23	Grambling



PETE GOGOLAK, ace kicker, was 3rd among NFC scorers with 107 points.

# PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

**JERRY WILLIAMS, Coach.**

Assistants: Ed Khayat, Tom Fears, Joe Moss, Jimmy Carr, Jack Zilly, Brad Ecklund.

## PREDICTION—5th

**J**erry Williams, coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, is a man with more troubles than most people have. To begin with, he has been aligned in the only NFC division that has four pennant contenders (Dallas, St. Louis, Washington, New York). Although Dallas is the favorite, the others all have some kind of chance—and Williams has to play each of them twice.

Second, he has been handed 1971's toughest inter-division schedule in the league. This can best be demonstrated mathematically. The teams Philadelphia plays this year won more games last year, in the composite reckoning, than any other pro team's opponents. (In the same NFL division, Dallas draws the league's softest schedule and Philadelphia the rockiest.)

And third, Williams lost his quarterback this year when Greg Barton defected to Canada. Although Barton has never played in an Eagle game, Williams handpicked him in Detroit, where the young man had been employed for three years by the quarterback-rich Lions.

Sadly, he has jumped the ship, leaving quarterback in the hands of Rick Arrington, Pete Liske and rookie Wayne Liddick.

Arrington, 24, also from Tulsa, played successfully for the Eagles last season on occasion, but is years short of his prime. Liske in recent years has played for Denver, which needs quarterbacks, but not badly enough to keep Liske. The Denver story on him is that he is a nice guy and a good leader with not quite the arm. Liddick, from Susquehanna, spent his first pro year in the minor leagues last season.

Norman Snead, the Eagle quarterback through much of the 1960s, was traded to Minnesota this season. Like all losing teams, Philadelphia blamed many of its problems on the quarterback;

and the more the Eagles lost, the more they blamed Snead. At first, this was only true among Philadelphia fans. But gradually, the Philadelphia coaches came to believe that Snead was the root of their problems—and in the end, they couldn't wait to trade him.

The truth about Snead, however, is that he has never had much talent around him or in charge of him. Nobody knows how good Snead might have been in Green Bay in the 1960s, for instance, under Vince Lombardi, with Jerry Kramer in front of him and Jim Taylor behind.

The Eagles still have many of their other problems, too. But if somebody can play quarterback, they should be respectable offensively this year with the return of Tom Woodeshick in a backfield that now includes Cyril Pinder—and with a fine set of ends, Ben Hawkins, Harold Jackson and Gary Ballman.



PETE LISKE, traded by Denver Broncos now bids for Eagles' quarterback spot.



CYRIL PINDER, Philadelphia back, gained 657 yards on 166 carries in '70.

Rookie Lee Bouggess, who replaced the injured Woodeshick last fall, wound up leading the Eagles in passes caught with 50. So as a sophomore he gives them some depth. Leroy Keyes, who carried the ball only twice in 1970, also returns—but to an uncertain future. The injury gods have not been kind to Keyes. Fullback Andy Livingston, acquired from New Orleans, has the ability to be a starter if well.

Ballman, now at tight end, paced the receivers in balls caught last season, but Hawkins and Jackson are capable of better than their 30 and 41, respectively. All things considered, the Eagles are not in bad shape for runners and receivers.

Williams starts 1971 with an offensive line reading from left as follows: Wade Key, Dick Hart, Mike Evans, Jim Skaggs and Joe Carollo. The new man in this department is the No. 2

draft choice, Henry Allison of San Diego State. Coach Williams has been dissatisfied with Philadelphia's pass protection and downfield blocking.

Defensively, the Philadelphia pass rush, which didn't please Williams in 1970, will be in the hands of ends Ernie (Cab) Caloway and Mel Tom and tackles Don Hultz and Gary Pettigrew.

USC has furnished the Eagles with two-thirds of their linebackers, Tim Rossovich, middle, and Adrian Young, right. The left backer is Ron Porter, from Idaho via the Baltimore Colts. This is a representative NFL linebacking corps. In terms of talent and experience, this may be Philadelphia's best department, offense or defense.

There is also speed and ability in the secondary with cornerbacks Al Nelson and Ray Jones and safeties Nate Ramsey and Bill Bradley.

The Eagle kicking game was not an NFL leader a year ago. Here's what Williams has to say about it this year:

"I look for a large improvement in this department. Bradley's injured knee has responded well to an operation, and it is hoped that his punting will be as effective as it was in his rookie year. The drafting of Happy Feller (from Texas) should provide excellent competition in the field goal department (with Mark Moseley, who kicked 14 of 25 last season) and I anticipate added distance on kickoffs."

Overall this season, Williams "anticipates improvement," adding:

"One of the main reasons on which I base my hopes that some of the losses of last year will be turned into wins in 1971 is that we have more experience in about every department. This is extremely important when considering the fact that the Eagles are a very young team, and inexperience has been a frustrating factor over the past two years."

Williams has made three changes in the Eagle staff, adding Tom Fears, Ed Khayat and Brad Ecklund, all from the New Orleans Saints, where Fears was head coach. In the NFL today, Fears is regarded as one of the

leaders in the preparation of pass offense, particularly short passes.

The offense last year finished seventh in the 13-team NFC and has a chance to move up.

Pondering Philadelphia's future, the outside critic today worries first about a defense which, on the average, yielded 4.5 yards against running plays in 1970. (The Eagles gained 1500 yards

running and yielded 2000.)

What's more, the Eagle line sacked quarterbacks only 23 times last season. Strangely, it is very often true that linemen who excel at rushing the passer simultaneously defend well against the run. The Eagles, in any case must improve in both places—and find a quarterback—to contend in their division.



LEE BOUGNESS grabbed 50 passes for 401 yards and 2 TDs last year.

#### 1970 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

**SCORING**—Moseley, 67 points on 25 XP, 14 field goals ..... 15th  
**RUSHING**—Pinder, 166 carries for 657 yds., 4.0 Avg., 2 TDs ..... 10th  
**PASSING**—Snead, 181 in 335 attempts for 2323 yds., 15 TDs ..... 7th  
**RECEIVING**—Bougness, 50 receptions for 401 yds., 2 TDs ..... 6th  
**INTERCEPTIONS**—Nelson, 2 for 45 yds., 22.5 Avg. ..... 44th  
**PUNTING**—Bradley, 61 punts, 36.8 Avg., longest 56 yds. ..... 13th  
**PUNT RETURNS**—Walik, 20 for 78 yds., 3.9 Avg. ..... 12th  
**KICKOFF RETURNS**—Walik, 32 for 805 yds., 25.2 Avg. ..... 5th

#### Pre-season Games

Aug. 9 AT Oakland (N)  
 16 BUFFALO (N)  
 21 AT Houston (N)  
 28 N.Y. Giants at Princeton, N.J.  
 Sept. 4 AT New Orleans (N)  
 12 DETROIT (N)

#### 1971 SCHEDULE

Sept. 19 AT Cincinnati —  
 26 DALLAS 7-17  
 Oct. 3 SAN FRANCISCO —  
 10 MINNESOTA —  
 17 AT Oakland —  
 24 N.Y. GIANTS 23-20  
 31 DENVER —  
 Nov. 7 AT Washington 6-24  
 14 AT Dallas 17-21  
 21 AT St. Louis 14-23  
 28 WASHINGTON 21-33  
 Dec. 5 AT Detroit —  
 12 ST. LOUIS 20-35  
 19 AT N.Y. Giants 23-30

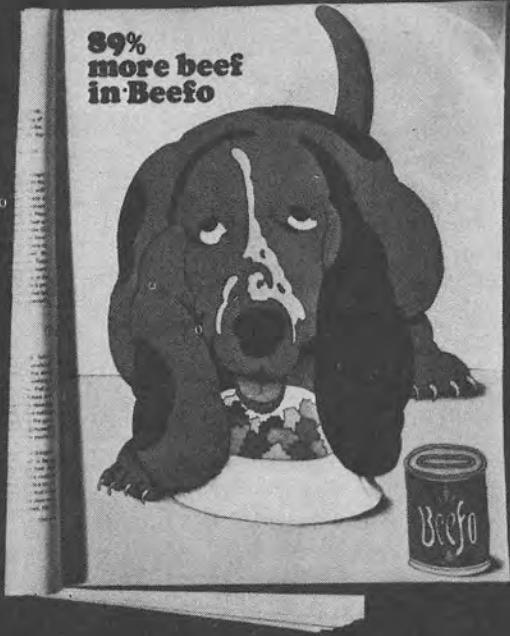
#### 1970 Scores

#### EAGLES' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
11	Arrington, Rick	QB	6-2	185	24	2	Tulsa
85	Ballman, Gary	TE	6-1	210	31	10	Michigan St.
	Barton, Greg	QB	6-2	205	25	2	Tulsa
46	Bougness, Lee	RB	6-2	210	23	2	Louisville
28	Bradley, Bill	S-P	5-11	190	24	3	Texas
80	Brumm, Don	DE	6-4	245	29	9	Purdue
77	Calloway, Ernie	DE	6-6	245	23	3	Tex. So'ern
76	Carollo, Joe	T	6-2	265	31	2	Notre Dame
64	Davis, Norm	G	6-2	245	26	4	Grambling
62	Dirks, Mike	DT	6-2	246	25	4	Wyoming
	Duncan, Rick	KS	6	210	29	3	E. Mont. St.
59	Evans, Mike	C	6-5	250	25	4	Boston Col.
69	Gersbach, Carl	LB	6-1	230	24	2	W. Chester
71	Hart, Dick	G	6-2	251	28	5	No College
41	Harvey, Richard	CB	6-2	190	24	2	Jackson St.
18	Hawkins, Ben	WR	6	180	27	6	Arizona
47	Hayes, Ed	S	6-1	185	25	2	Morgan St.
86	Hill, Fred	WR-TE	6-2	215	27	7	So. Calif.
56	Hobbs, Bill	LB	6	221	25	3	Tex. A&M
83	Hultz, Don	DT-DE	6-3	241	30	9	So. Miss.
54	Hunt, Calvin	C	6-3	243	23	2	Baylor
29	Jackson, Harold	WR	5-10	175	25	4	Jackson St.
48	Johnson, Jay	LB	6-3	230	25	3	E. Tex. St.
23	Jones, Harry	RB	6-2	205	26	5	Arkansas
21	Jones, Ray	CB	6	187	23	2	Southern
51	Kelley, Ike	LB	5-11	224	27	6	Ohio St.
72	Key, Wade	T	6-4	245	24	2	S.W. Tex. St.
20	Keyes, Leroy	RB	6-3	208	24	3	Purdue
52	Lloyd, Dave	LB	6-3	248	34	13	Georgia
45	Medved, Ron	S	6-1	200	27	6	Washington
3	Moseley, Mark	K	5-11	182	23	2	S. F. Austin
	McNeill, Tom	P	6-1	195	29	5	S. F. Austin
26	Nelson, Al	CB	5-11	186	27	7	Cincinnati
68	Nordquist, Mark	C	6-4	246	24	4	U. Pacific
88	Pettigrew, Gary	DT	6-5	255	26	6	Stanford
22	Pinder, Cyril	RB	6-2	222	24	4	Illinois
50	Porter, Ron	LB	6-3	232	26	5	Idaho
33	Preece, Steve	S	6-1	195	24	3	Oregon St.
24	Ramsey, Nate	S	6-1	200	30	9	Indiana
82	Rossovich, Tim	LB	6-4	240	25	4	So. Calif.
70	Skaggs, Jim	G	6-3	250	31	9	Washington
	Smith, Steve	T	6-5	250	27	5	Michigan
73	Stevens, Richard	T	6-4	240	23	2	Baylor
99	Tom, Mel	DE	6-4	249	30	5	San Jose
49	Thrower, Jim	CB	6-2	194	22	2	E. Tex. St.
9	Walik, Bill	WR	5-11	180	23	2	Villanova
34	Watkins, Larry	RB	6-2	215	25	3	Alcorn A&M
37	Woodeshick, T.	RB	6	222	29	9	West Va.
35	Young, Adrian	LB	6-1	232	25	4	So. Calif.
89	Zabel, Steve	TE	6-4	235	23	2	Oklahoma

#### ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Allison, Henry	OG	6-2	255	24	San Diego
Blackwell, James	S	6	176	22	Southern
Bulger, A. C.	TE	6-4	224	21	Washington
Carlos, John	WR	6-3	210	26	San Jose
Carmichael, H.	WR	6-7	225	22	Southern
Casey, Bill	DB	5-11	178	22	E. Tenn. St.
Cichy, Joe	DB	6	190	21	N. Dak. St.
Creech, Robert	LB	6-3	218	22	T. C. U.
Davis, Albert	RB	5-11	215	22	Tenn. St.
Davis, Vern	S	6-4	208	21	W. Michigan
Feller, "Happy"	K	5-11	185	22	Texas
Fisher, Ed	T	6-3 1/2	256	24	Pr. View
Garcia, Jess	KS	5-10	190	28	Merced
Gebauer, Ron	WR	5-10	178	21	Lamar Tech
Gotshalk, L.	T	6-4	247	22	Humboldt
Green, Vince	WR	6-1	190	22	Troy St.
Harris, Richard	DE	6-4 1/2	260	23	Grambling
Hollie, Alex	DB	6-2	190	23	L.S.U.
James, Bruce	LB	6-2	230	23	Texas
Lester, Danny	DB	5-11	183	23	Virginia
Lestyk, Randy	LB	6-1	240	21	E. Tex. St.
Lewis, Dub	C	6-3	252	23	Susquehanna
Liddick, Wayne	QB	6-2	193	24	Arizona
Lueck, Bob	OG	6-2	245	28	Colorado
Murphy, Pat	DB	5-11	192	21	N. Tex. St.
McDonald, Ed	S	6-2	190	22	Missouri
Nauert, L. G.	KS	6-1	188	26	Mississippi
Neely, Wyck	S	6-2	190	22	Memphis St.
Parker, Bob	LB	6-2	245	24	Ashland
Pettigrew, Len	LB	6-3	228	23	
Roberts, Harold	WR	6-1 1/2	197	21	A. Peay
Sage, John	LB	6-2	225	23	L.S.U.
Shellabarger, T.	T	6-4 1/2	255	24	San Diego
Smith, Jack	DB	6-2	205	24	Troy
Trapp, Richard	WR	6-1	180	24	Florida
Uperesa, Tuufuli	T	6-3	254	23	Montana
West, Barry	E	6-4	205	23	N. Carolina
Williams, Dave	FL	6	198	22	Western



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## AFC FINAL—1970

## Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
Baltimore	11	2	1	.846
*Miami	10	4	0	.714
N.Y. Jets	4	10	0	.286
Buffalo	3	10	1	.231
Boston	2	12	0	.143

\*Fourth qualifier for playoffs

## Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
Oakland	8	4	2	.667
Kansas City	7	5	2	.583
San Diego	5	6	3	.455
Denver	5	8	1	.357

## PLAYOFF

Baltimore	17	Cincinnati	0
Oakland	21	Miami	14

## Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571
Cleveland	7	7	0	.500
Pittsburgh	5	9	0	.357
Houston	3	10	1	.231



NFL

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## THREE NEW CHAMPS EXPECTED WITH JETS WINNING AFC CROWN AND SUPER VI

## PREDICTIONS

## Eastern Division

1. New York
2. Baltimore
3. Miami
4. Buffalo
5. New England

For the third consecutive year, the world champion of professional football has been housed in the American Conference of the National League (nee the American Football League).

Is there happiness? Is there general rejoicing? Is there profound pride?

Not among the lodge brothers of the Baltimore Colts. Instead there is kind of a muffled embarrassment. Baltimore was the new kid on the block and he won all the pretty girls and all the marbles, too.

In their first year of life in the newly-aligned NFL, the old AFL teams couldn't hold on to their own championship. They lost two thirds of the inter-league games with the National Conference (the old NFL minus the Colts, Cleveland and Pittsburgh) the first time that format was tried, too.

The only kind of solace was that the two old NFL teams which switched leagues along with Baltimore, the Browns and Steelers, were also rans in the new Central Division.

The Cincinnati Bengals, the newest pro team and an AFL entry only after the merger wheels had begun to turn, amazed everyone by winning the Central.

The only division which kept strictly to form was the AFC-West, finishing exactly as it had the previous three seasons—

## Central Division

1. Cleveland
2. Cincinnati
3. Pittsburgh
4. Houston

## Western Division

1. Kansas City
2. Oakland
3. San Diego
4. Denver

Oakland first, Kansas City second, San Diego third and Denver fourth.

It says here that new champions will be crowned in all three divisions.

The New York Jets, with Joe Namath, will unseat the Colts, who will be without Johnny Unitas, in the East. The Browns will rediscover their equilibrium in the Central. And Kansas City will uphold the law of averages in the West.

In the playoffs Baltimore will join the Jets, Browns and Chiefs, since they will possess the best second-place record.

The Jets, in the view of this prophet, will win the AFL championship and go on to defeat the Detroit Lions in the Super Bowl at New Orleans, Jan. 17.

Some of the individual honors might be distributed this way:

MVP—Joe Namath.

Rookie of year on offense—Leon Burns, San Diego fullback.

Rookie of year on defense—Jack Tatum, Oakland safety.

Passing champion—Namath.

Ground-gaining champion—Larry Csonka, Miami.

Scoring champion—Jan Stenerud, Kansas City.

Pass-receiving champion—Gary Garrison, San Diego.

Coach of year—Weeb Ewbank, New York.

The toughest fight should be in the Eastern Division, where the Jets, who gained new respect

when they re-formed offensively after losing Namath and fullback Matt Snell and played brilliant defense, will have to beat off the Colts and Miami Dolphins.

The Colts were not totally disarmed by Unitas' Achilles tendon injury. Earl Morrall is a respected quarterback and has outstanding receivers like Roy Jefferson and Eddie Hinton. Baltimore's game in 1970 was defense and there is no reason it won't be in '71.

Miami astounded its competition by making the playoffs after a moribund season in 1969. Its new coach, Don Shula, kept them winning despite a rookie-packed defense which will be improved merely by experience.

Cleveland has by far the best Central team on paper, but the Browns' old coach, Paul Brown, has his Bengals convinced they can win against their Northern neighbors. They did it in '70.

"We'll be on the attack in '71," says Hank Stram, coach of the unseated world champions of the previous season, Kansas City. That's bad news for the opposition, which benefitted from the Chiefs' lay-back tactics.

Oakland has been the winningest of Pro teams over the last four seasons, but there seems to be rough times ahead for the Raiders. Their two games with KC likely will decide the division title, however.

There are four new head coaches in the AFC this season.

Nick Skorich, once head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, is the new head man at Cleveland. He succeeds the retired Blanton Collier and may start a new era with young Mike Phipps at quarterback.

Ed Hughes, a highly-regarded

# American Conference



JIM O'BRIEN is about to make contact for winning field goal in Super Bowl, a 32-yarder. Holding ball for Jim who was only 19 for 34 in season, is Earl Morrall.

assistant coach for the San Francisco 49ers, got the Houston job after Wally Lemm retired. He has to rebuild an offense and construct a pass rush.

Johnny Mazur, who took over from Clive Rush on an interim basis at mid-season last year, gets a full shot with the Patriots, who are now the New England Pats instead of the Boston Pats. He'll have to decide whether the No. 1 draft pick in the NFL, Jim Plunkett of Stanford, or veteran Joe Kapp will be his quarterback.

In a controversial and highly-criticized move, Sid Gillman reassumed coaching command at San Diego with Charlie Waller demoted to the assistant staff.

Gillman's main tasks will be to design capable protection for beleaguered quarterback John Hadl and make an aggressive defense out of a passive one.

The big stadium news is that the Pats will be playing in 60,000-seat Schaefer Stadium, the new complex in suburban Foxboro. The Pats sold 45,000 season tickets, an amazing 300 percent increase for a team with the worst won-lost record in the NFL.

There were only a few trades of great impact, particularly inter-conference variety.

The biggest was San Diego's deal with Dallas which sent Lance Alworth, one of the all-time great pass catchers, to the

Cowboys for three players—offensive tackle Tony Liscio, tight end Pettis Norman and defensive lineman Ron East.

Another saw Al Denson, a top receiver, sent to Minnesota by Denver with John Charles going briefly on the Bronco roster and then on to Houston for another defensive back, Leroy Mitchell.

Denver was involved in another, trading defensive end Alden Roche and a draft choice to Green Bay for young Don Horn. Unless Steve Tensi jettisons his retirement plans, Horn may be Denver's starter.

Houston traded fullback Hoyle Granger, once a top fullback, to New Orleans for a promising receiver, Ken Burrough, plus a journeyman defensive tackle, Dave Rowe.

The AFC continued cornering the bright young quarterbacks.

Three of the first four taken in the draft went to AFC clubs. Exhibit A is Plunkett, the Heisman Trophy winner and Rose Bowl hero.

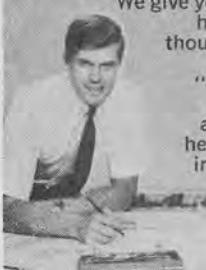
After New Orleans of the NFC took Mississippi's Archie Manning, Houston selected the next two—Santa Clara's Dan Pastorini and Kansas State's Lynn Dickey.

Further down Cincinnati selected a bright prospect, Ken Anderson of Augustana, and Baltimore tried to solve its "quarterback of the future" problem by picking Karl Douglas of Texas A&I.

Other bright new faces in the AFC include J. D. Hill of Arizona State and Jan White of Ohio State, both expected to win starting jobs as Buffalo receivers; Jack Tatum, Ohio State safety who should start at Oakland; Leon Burns of Long Beach State, who may be the big back San Diego needs; John Riggins, Kansas fullback picked by the Jets as insurance for Snell; receiver Elmo Wight of Houston, who may help put zing in KC's attack; and Clarence Scott, Kansas State corner counted on to help cure Cleveland's defensive woes.

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# NEW YORK JETS

## PREDICTION—1st

If you saw Weeb Ewbank, relaxed and loose, at the NFL owners' meetings in Palm Beach last March you could never have guessed his football team finished with a 4-10 won-lost record in 1970.

The reason Weeb could afford to be relaxed and loose is that there should be a pile of asterisks after that 4-10.

\*—Joe Namath suffered a broken throwing wrist and didn't play the final 12 games.

\*\*—Matt Snell suffered a torn Achilles tendon and didn't play the final 11 games.

\*\*\*—Gerry Philbin, the excellent defensive end, suffered a shoulder injury which kept him out of uniform for the first two months.

\*\*\*\*—Six All-Star players missed at least four games.

\*\*\*\*\*—The Jets, clothed in bandages, and playing with inexperienced quarterbacks, shocked two of football's aristocrats, the Rams and Vikings, within a three-week period. They beat the Rams, 31-10, and the Vikes, 20-10.

\*\*\*\*\*—The defense, burdened by all the injuries on offense, still won the AFC's overall defensive championship and

**WEEB EW BANK, Head Coach.**  
Assistants: Walt Michaels, C.W. Hewkley, Bud Ryan, Ken Meyer.

led the conference in defense against rushing.

Because of all this, and assuming the lame and halt are no longer lame and halt, a lot of football people are picking the Jets to make it to another Super Bowl.

Namath, for instance, was pronounced fit when the cast was removed from his hand in mid-winter.

"The injury could have been a blessing in disguise," says Ewbank. "Joe says his knees haven't felt so good in years. The rest probably did it."

There was no off-season talk about retirement from Namath

AL WOODALL completed 96 passes for 1265 yards, 9 TDs on 188 Jet attempts.

JOE NAMATH, the No. 1 Jet, is protected by DAVE HERMAN as he gets set to use his famous throwing arm before he was sidelined due to a broken wrist.



he is dying to prove something to himself, his teammates and the public in 1971. At age 28 he should be approaching his peak as a pro quarterback.

His replacement, young Woodall, served a painful apprenticeship at first, but his four touchdown passes against the vaunted Ram defense seemed to change his fortunes. He passed for 1265 yards along the way.

"I know this," says Ewbank. "If Joe got shaken up in a game now I wouldn't hesitate to tell Woodall to get ready."

Snell's rehabilitation is not quite so assured as Namath's. An achilles tendon injury for a 30-year-old running back is no joke. Snell was leading pro football in ground-gaining at the time. The injury might have reduced his ball-carrying effectiveness some, but he's also known as one of the two or three best blocking backs in football and is among Namath's most vital bodyguards. His progress report indicated he would be back.

In case he isn't, the Jets made a fullback, Kansas' John Riggins, their No. 1 draft choice. Riggins is a rugged 237-pounder who never missed a game or a day of practice. He fumbled only once and recovered it himself.

Snell's often-injured running mate, Emerson Boozer, was hurt again and missed four games. But when he returned he had two consecutive big days—115 and 114 yards. But the big surprise was sophomore George Nock, who scored five touchdowns in the absence of his more illustrious teammates.

The Jets' running game, despite all the injuries, speared LA for 153 yards and was used 51 times for 187 yards against one of the best defenses against rushing, that of Minnesota.

The bench includes two players still considered promising, Lee White and Cliff McClain, and journeyman Chuck Mercein.

Ewbank was shaken by George Sauer's emotional decision to chuck his football career as a "childish" enterprise. He should be shaken. Sauer is one of the finest pass catchers. The expectation was that George would re-consider by the time

they put real shells in the cannons.

Don Maynard still is listed as a starter and he shared the club lead in pass catching with Sauer. But Don is 34 and most of his catches came in two games. He missed seven due to a foot injury. Maynard might be replaced by sophomore Richard Caster, who averaged 20.7 yards on his 19 catches. If that doesn't happen, the 6-5 Caster might be moved to tight end.

The Caster-to-tight-end move would be a result of the Jets' desire for more speed at the position. Pete Lammons, who has feuded with Ewbank in the past, isn't a burner. He's solid and a good blocker, however.

The offensive line was hexed by injuries, too. Right tackle Roger Finnie left with Snell in the third game after dislocating his ankle. Guard Randy Rasmussen sprained an ankle which bothered him most of the season.

But this isn't really a serious matter. Rasmussen should come back strongly. Center John Schmitt is among the AFC's most underrated players. Left tackle Winston Hill is a quality player and so is guard Dave Herman. If Finnie doesn't bounce back, Dave Foley should be improved over his rookie season when he was obviously favoring a knee injured in '69. To make sure, the Jets drafted Tampa's big John Mooring on the second round.

Ewbank isn't known as a big trader, but he popped a few eye-

brows by swapping place-kicker Jim Turner to Denver for Bobby Howfield. Turner was among the sport's most prolific field goal kickers in the last few seasons,



JOHN ELLIOTT, 245-pound tackle, rates as strong man on Jets' defensive band.

RANDY RASMUSSEN, held back with ankle sprain in '70, returns stronger.



W. K. HICKS, Jet's safety, made eight interceptions in 1970 good for 99 yards.



although he slipped to 19-for-35 last year. Howfield has a stronger leg but is much less consistent.

Weeb's aim was to improve his kickoffs. Turner was so short so often, that the Jet coach finally ordered him to squib kick for most of the last half of the season. Howfield is among the best kickoff men in football. He's a soccer-style kicker. Turner is a straight-on stylist.

John Elliott is the strong man in the Jet defensive line and, at age 26, seems destined to be ranked among the all-time tackles. He and end Verlon Biggs carried most of the load for the Jets last year after end Philbin and tackle Steve Thompson were injured. Biggs, who had one of his finest seasons, signed with Washington after his option expired.

Biggs' defection causes an alarming problem. Philbin is back strong and rookie Mark Lomas had an excellent year. But Thompson, nagged by injuries since turning pro, was talking about retirement. Even if he doesn't retire, there is some question whether he can take up the slack caused by Biggs' departure. Ewbank may be forced to move Finnie over to defense.

The linebacking corps operates with the harmony of a chorus line. Middle backer Al Atkinson reconsidered his retirement and had another fine year. Larry Grantham hustles around with speed that camouflages his

MATT SNELL rushed for 281 yards on 64 carries, and scored one TD.



11 pro seasons. Ralph Baker is another underrated Jet. The reserves, Dennis Onkotz, Paul Crane and John Ebersole, are well regarded.

The Jets went with an entirely new secondary and, at the season's end, it appeared to be a winning gamble. Steve Tannen and Earlie Thomas, who improved rapidly as rookie corners, should be much larger assets in '71. Free safety W. K. Hicks, obtained from Houston in a trade, led the club with eight interceptions. Gus Hollomon, the ex-Bronco, stepped in at strong safety after Jim Hudson's creaky knees betrayed him. They're reinforced by vets John Dockery, Cecil Leonard and Mike Battle, but the big addition could be speedy Chris Farasopoulos, No. 3 draftee from Brigham Young.

The draft also brought two intriguing Texans, defensive tackle Scott Palmer and Bill Zapalac, who has possibilities at tight end, defensive end and linebacker.

Better work is needed from punter Steve O'Neal, whose fine rookie work slipped to 40.1 last year.

#### 1970 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

<b>SCORING</b> —Turner, 85 points on 28	
<b>XP</b> , 19 field goals	5th
<b>RUSHING</b> —Boozer, 139 carries for 581 yds., 4.2 Avg., 5 TDs	12th
<b>PASSING</b> —Woodall, 96 in 188 attempts for 1265 yds., 9 TDs	9th
<b>RECEIVING</b> —Maynard, 31 receptions for 525 yds.	23rd
<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b> —Hicks, 8 for 99 yds., 12.4 Avg.	3rd
<b>PUNTING</b> —O'Neal, 73 punts, 40.1 Avg., longest 64 yds.	10th
<b>PUNT RETURNS</b> —Battle, 19 for 117 yds., 6.2 Avg.	14th
<b>KICKOFF RETURNS</b> —Battle, 40 for 891 yds., 22.3 Avg.	13th

#### Pre-season Games

Aug. 7	Detroit at Tampa (N)	
14	AT Oakland (N)	
22	NY Giants, New Haven, Conn.	
30	AT Kansas City (N)	
Sept. 4	Pittsburgh, Cleveland, O. (N)	
10	Patriots, Memphis, Tenn. (N)	

#### 1971 SCHEDULE

	1970 Scores	
Sept. 19	AT Baltimore	20-35
27	AT St. Louis (N)	—
Oct. 3	AT Miami	10-16
10	AT New England	31-21
17	BUFFALO	6-10
24	MIAMI	6-20
31	AT San Diego	—
Nov. 7	KANSAS CITY	—
14	BALTIMORE	22-29
21	AT Buffalo	31-34
28	SAN FRANCISCO	—
Dec. 4	AT Dallas	—
12	NEW ENGLAND	17-3
19	CINCINNATI	—



EMERSON BOOZER averaged 4.2 yds. and scored five TDs as running back.

#### JETS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
82	Arthur, Gary	TE	6-5	230	23	2	Miami (O)
62	Atkinson, Al	LB	6-2	230	28	7	Villanova
51	Baker, Ralph	LB	6-3	235	29	8	Penn St.
40	Battle, Mike	S	6-1	175	25	3	So.ern Cal.
77	Bayless, Tom	G	6-3	240	23	2	Purdue
7	Bell, Ed	WR	5-10	160	24	2	Idaho St.
32	Boozer, Emerson	RB	5-11	195	28	6	Md. St.
88	Caster, Richard	WR	6-5	222	22	2	Jackson St.
56	Crane, Paul	LB-C	6-2	212	27	6	Alabama
15	Davis, Bob	QB	6-2	205	25	5	Virginia
43	Dockery, John	CB	6-0	186	27	4	Harvard
55	Ebersole, John	LB	6-3	240	22	5	Penn St.
80	Elliott, John	DT	6-4	244	26	5	Texas
61	Finnie, Roger	T-G	6-3	245	25	3	Fla. A&M
70	Foley, Dave	T	6-5	255	23	2	Ohio St.
60	Grantham, Larry	LB	6-0	210	33	12	Mississippi
73	Hayes, Ray	DT	6-5	248	25	2	Toledo
67	Herman, Dave	G	6-1	255	30	8	Mich. St.
33	Hicks, W. K.	S	6-1	195	29	8	Tex. So.ern
75	Hill, Winston	T	6-4	275	29	9	Tex. So.ern
48	Hollomon, Gus	S	6-3	195	25	4	Houston
3	Howfield, Bobby	K	5-9	180	34	4	None
22	Hudson, Jim	S	6-2	210	28	7	Texas
87	Lammons, Pete	TE	6-3	230	27	6	Texas
28	Leonard, Cecil	CB	5-11	160	25	3	Tuskegee
57	Little, John	DT-DE	6-3	220	24	2	Okla. St.
84	Lomas, Mark	DT-DE	6-4	230	23	2	N. Arizona
13	Maynard, Don	WR	6-1	179	34	13	Tex. West.
50	McAdams, Carl	DT	6-3	230	27	4	Oklahoma
42	McClain, Clifford	RB	6-0	217	23	2	S. C. St.
30	Mercelin, Chuck	RB	6-2	222	28	6	Yale
68	Middendorf, Dave	G	6-3	260	25	4	Wash. St.
25	Nairn, Harvey	WR	6-1	178	26	8	Southern
12	Namath, Joe	QB	6-2	200	28	7	Alabama
37	Nock, George	RB	5-10	200	25	3	Morgan St.
20	O'Neal, Steve	P-WR	6-3	185	25	3	Tex. A&M
35	Onkotz, Dennis	LB	6-1	220	23	2	Penn St.
64	Perreault, Pete	G-T	6-3	248	32	9	Boston U.
81	Philbin, Gerry	DE	6-2	245	30	8	Buffalo
66	Rasmussen, R.	G	6-2	255	26	5	Kearney
83	Sauer, George	WR	6-2	195	27	7	Texas
52	Schmitt, John	C	6-4	250	28	8	Hofstra
41	Snell, Matt	RB	6-2	219	30	8	Ohio St.
89	Stewart, Wayne	TE	6-7	213	24	3	California
21	Tanner, Steve	CB	6-1	194	23	2	Florida
45	Thomas, Earlie	CB	6-1	190	25	2	Colo. St.
85	Thompson, S.	DT-DE	6-5	245	26	4	Washington
34	White, Lee	RB	6-4	235	25	3	Weber St.
18	Woodall, Al	QB	6-5	205	25	3	Duke

#### ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
1	Betts, Jim	S-QB	6-4	190	22	Michigan
2	Curtis, John	TE	6-3	215	21	Springfield
3	Dyches, Dan	C	6-5	254	22	So.ern Cal.
4	Eggold, John	DE	6-4	225	22	Arizona
5	Farasopoulos, C.	DS	5-11	190	22	Brig. Young
6	Flaska, Greg	DE-TE	6-3	220	22	West. Mich.
7	Harkey, Steve	RB	6-2	210	22	Ga. Tech
8	Harping, John	G	6-4	224	22	Penn St.
9	Johnson, Peter	TE	6-1	215	23	Michigan
10	Kirksey, Roy	G	6-3	255	24	Md. St.
11	Mooring, John	T	6-6	250	24	Tampa
12	Palmer, Scott	DT	6-3	241	23	Texas
13	Riggins, John	RB	6-2	237	22	Kansas
14	Sowell, R.	DB-SP	5-11	175	22	Alcorn A&M
15	Studdard, V.	WR-SP	6-0	180	23	Mississippi
16	Turner, Don	G	6-2	250	24	W. Carolina
17	Williams, Jim	DB	6-1	188	23	Va. State
18	Wise, Phil	DB-SP	6-0	190	22	Omaha
19	Zapalac, B.	LB-DE	6-4	225	23	Texas

# BALTIMORE COLTS

## PREDICTION—2nd

The Colts had few illusions about themselves in 1970, even though they returned to regal status for the first time in a dozen years.

When they clinched their division title with a sloppy, 20-14 victory over hapless Buffalo on a snowy day in December they didn't even bother to award a game ball.

Most of the season went like that, with the Colts winning often and apologizing for the manner of victory almost as often.

"We did what we had to do," snapped linebacker Mike Curtis after the Super Bowl, annoyed with the constant references to Baltimore's less-than-overwhelming style.

Chances are, Curtis will be annoyed by the carping again in '71.

The Colts are champions, but their big problem of last season likely will be an even bigger problem this season. It's quarterbacking.

John Unitas' chances of playing this season, or possibly ever again, are rated somewhat slim. At age 38 it's not easy to overcome a torn Achilles tendon like the one he suffered in a mid-winter paddleball game at the YMCA.

So the Colts' fortunes are in the hands of Earl Morrall, as they were in 1968. That was the year when Baltimore steamrolled the National League and Morrall, as "super sub," won the NFL's Most Valuable Player award.

When Unitas returned to health Morrall once again became a sub. He took his demotion with the special class which is his personal trademark. That bearing won't hurt him this season when he assumes command in another emergency. His teammates appreciate his strong character.

At age 37 his play is spotty,

but he still has days such as the one last year when he destroyed the good Jet defense with four touchdown passes. When he came into the Super Bowl his play was an improvement over that of Unitas'.

Developing a quarterback for the future is another matter. The Colts thought they might have a big opportunity when they received Miami's No. 1 draft pick as balm for the Dolphins' luring away Don Shula as coach. But then Shula transformed the Fish into Men of War, finishing in the playoffs and making the Colts' bonus draft pick a late one when no premium college quarterback was available.

So coach Don McCafferty will have to develop ex-running back Sam Havrilak or a well-regarded rookie, Karl Douglas of Texas A&I. Douglas might develop into the first black starter in the NFL, but speculation is he needs plenty of seasoning.

One thing which won't hex McCafferty is lack of skilled receivers. Roy Jefferson started

**DON McCAFFERTY, Coach.**  
Assistants: John Sandusky, Dick Bielski, Bob Boyd, John Idzik, Hank Bullough, Bob Miller.

making the key catches almost as soon as he came from Pittsburgh in a trade. There should be even more key ones with a year's familiarity.

When the defenses started concentrating on Jefferson, young Eddie Hinton started making receptions by the cluster. His future is unlimited.

Hinton caught 47 passes for a 15.3-yard average and five touchdowns. Jefferson caught 44 for 16.8 and seven scores. When you consider that Hinton is still developing and that Jefferson will be spending just his second full season with the Colts, it's enough to gladden Morrall's heart.

The pass-reception balance was deadly. Besides the almost-even figures compiled by Hinton and Jefferson, the tight-end combination of John Mackey and Tom Mitchell accounted for 48 catches. John nailed 28 for three touchdowns and a 15.2 average. Mitchell went 20 for 13.1 and four scores. Both seem to have kayoed the injury jinx, too.

JOHNNY UNITAS hands off to NORM BULAICH while directing Colts' drive.



Jimmy Orr, a marvelous reserve, is calling it a career, but Ray Perkins, the man who caught the killer pass against Oakland in the AFC final, is still around. You might see a lot more of Jim O'Brien, the Super Bowl hero, who does more than placekick. He was Greg Cook's top receiver at the University of Cincinnati.

Ron Gardin, a tremendous punt returner as a rookie, is being switched from corner to wide receiver. He should provide some more insurance.

The Colts aren't known as a running team and they did nothing last season which would mar that image. With Tom Matte, the great plunger, stricken by injuries, rookie Norm Bulaich shed his reputation as a career infirmary case, to rush for 426 yards.

Matte, among the most dedicated of athletes, should lick his old injuries plus an off-season appendectomy, to return to the lineup. But he's 32 and, with that in view, the Colts selected Don McCauley, North Carolina's great All-America, in the first round. McCauley resembles Matte in that he doesn't have outstanding speed, but the yardage just seems to mount up when he's carrying the ball.

The Colts also have Tom Nowatzke, Jerry Hill, speedy sophomore Jack Maitland and Billy Burnett, the Arkansas star who was drafted on round No. 9.

The offensive line, embarrassed in a 44-24 loss to Kansas City on Monday night television, regrouped when Dan Sullivan moved from guard to tackle and John Williams came into the starting lineup. Center Bill Curry, guard Glenn Ressler and tackle Bob Vogel are solid people. There are capable subs in Corny Johnson, Tom Goode, Sam Ball and a rookie possibility in All-America guard Bobby Wuensch of Texas.

Defensively the Colts are a sterling group.

The line suffered the loss of tackle Billy Ray Smith, possibly the best Colt in the Super Bowl victory. He quit at age 36. Jim Bailey, who impressed some people as a rookie until he got hurt, moves into his position. There



EARL MORRALL gets set to get pass off as Boston's linebacker Cat Bellou and defensive end Ron Berger close in. Earl clicked on 51 passes for 792 yards.

could be another sophomore up front if Bill Newsome continues improving. He kept end Roy Hilton on the bench for a while last year and could do it permanently in '71.

The competition did prod Hilton into a good year, however.

Newsome may have to spend some time at tackle until Fred Miller is healed of his off-season knee surgery. The other end is the Colts' All-Pro, Bubba Smith. It finally came to pass that Bubba produced as the experts said he would when the pros made him the No. 1 pick of the draft five years ago. The team's pass-rush problems were cured last year when Bubba delivered.

Just to make sure things would continue on a stabilized course,

the Colts used a No. 2 draft pick to take Bill Atessis, the University of Texas strongman. He could play tackle or end.

The best-fortified defensive position is linebacker.

Curtis, after a year and a half in the middle linebacker's position, is ready to challenge Dick Butkus, Mike Lucci and Willie Lanier for the top status at the glamor spot. Curtis made the big interception in the Super Bowl, enabling O'Brien to kick the game-winning field goal. He made a lot of big plays before that, too.

Outside backer Ted Hendricks had a sensational year. The 6-7 "Mad Stork" could force his way on to the All-Pro team in his third pro season. The other outside guy, Ray May, was a fine

middle backer for Pittsburgh. He made the change of positions seem casual.

Bob Grant, eased out of the starting lineup by May, is an excellent reserve. A trade brought Tom Beutler from Cleveland and sophomore Robbie Nichols has impressive potential.

There's a school of thought that says the Baltimore corners are vulnerable. But kick-return ace Jim Duncan, who beat out Tommy Maxwell at mid-season, could develop into something special. The other corner, Charlie Stukes, will be pushed by a first-round draft choice, Len Dunlap of North Texas State. Maxwell remains in contention and Gardin can be used as a corner again.

The safeties, Rick Volk and Jerry Logan, are superior. Logan spent more time at Volk's old strong-side last year and vice versa. In either combination, they're fine. Tom Curtis is a sound backup and now there's a noble experiment: Ohio State quarterback Rex Kern will be auditioned at one of the deep spots.

O'Brien's 19-for-34 field-goal percentage is not all that spectacular, but he must be judged on that pressure kick in the Orange Bowl. David Lee's punting average, 44.7, is good and he's superb under pressure.



MIKE CURTIS, 6-2 and 232 pounds is seven-year vet at middle linebacker.



TED HENDRICKS, 6-7 linebacker, is prime candidate for All-Pro recognition.

#### COLTS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
65	Bailey, Jim	DT	6-4	245	22	2	Kansas
73	Ball, Sam	T	6-4	240	27	6	T.C.U.
36	Bulaich, Norm	RB	6-1	218	24	2	Ga. Tech
50	Curry, Bill	C	6-2	235	28	7	Duke
32	Curtis, Mike	LB	6-2	232	27	7	Michigan
25	Curtis, Tom	S	6-1	196	23	2	Arizona
35	Duncan, Jim	CB	6-2	200	25	3	Miss. St.
30	Gardin, Ron	CB	5-11	180	26	2	Bucknell
53	Goode, Tom	C	6-3	243	32	10	Wake Forest
51	Grant, Bob	LB	6-2	225	24	4	Miami
17	Havrilak, Sam	RB	6-2	195	23	3	Wyoming
83	Hendricks, Ted	LB	6-7	215	23	7	Jackson St.
45	Hill, Jerry	RB	5-11	217	31	11	Ohio St.
85	Hilton, Roy	DE	6-6	240	28	5	Florida St.
33	Hinton, Ed	WR	6-0	200	24	3	Illinois St.
87	Jefferson, Roy	WR	6-2	195	27	7	Utah
61	Johnson, C.	G	6-2	245	28	4	Va. Union
49	Lee, David	K	6-4	230	27	6	La. Tech
20	Logan, Jerry	S	6-1	190	30	9	W. Tex. St.
88	Mackey, John	TE	6-2	224	29	9	Syracuse
40	Maltais, Jack	DB	6-1	210	22	2	Williams
42	Maxwell, Tom	CB	6-2	195	24	3	Tex. A&M
55	May, Ray	LB	6-1'	230	26	5	So'ern Cal.
41	Matte, Tom	RB	6-0	214	32	11	Ohio St.
76	McCullers, Dale	LB	6-1	215	24	3	Florida St.
14	Mirra, George	QB	5-11	190	29	8	Tulsa
84	Mitchell, Tom	TE	6-2	215	27	5	Miami
15	Morrall, Earl	QB	6-2	206	37	16	Mich. St.
68	Nelson, Dennis	T	6-5	260	25	2	Grambling
81	Newsome, Billy	DE	6-4	240	22	2	Indiana
34	Nowatzke, Tom	RB	6-3	230	27	6	Albama
52	Nicholas, Robbie	LB	6-3	220	25	2	Arkansas
80	O'Brien, Jim	K-WR	6-0	195	23	10	Cincinnati
27	Perkins, Ray	WR	6-0	183	29	5	Penn St.
62	Ressler, Glen	G	6-3	250	28	7	Baylor
78	Smith, Bubba	DE	6-7	295	26	5	Ohio St.
47	Stukes, Charlie	CB	6-3	212	27	6	Michigan
71	Sullivan, Dan	G	6-3	250	31	10	Sam Houston
19	Unitas, John	QB	6-1	196	38	16	Louisville
72	Vogel, Bob	T	6-5	250	29	9	Florida St.
21	Volk, Rick	S	6-3	195	26	4	Minnesota
75	Williams, John	G	6-3	256	25	4	Michigan
60	Wright, George	DT	6-3	260	23	2	Texas

#### Pre-season Games

July 30 All-Star, AT Chicago (N)  
 Aug. 7 KANSAS CITY (N)  
 14 CHICAGO (N)  
 22 Detroit, Ann Arbor, Mich.  
 28 AT Washington (N)  
 Sept. 3 DALLAS (N)  
 11 Oakland, Jack'ville, Fla. (N)

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Atessim, Bill	DT-DE	6-3	240	21	21	Texas
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Bowdell, G.	WR	6-2	203	22	22	Mich. St.
Burnett, Bill	RB	6-0	188	22	22	Arkansas
Cooper, Louis	DT	6-5	267	23	23	Doane
Douglas, Karl	QB	6-1	200	21	21	Tex. A&M
Dunlap, Leonard	DB	6-1	195	21	21	N. Tex. St.
Frith, Ken	DT	6-4	252	21	21	N.E. La.
Ganas, Rusty	DT	6-4	257	21	21	So. Carolina
Hall, George	G	6-1	225	21	21	VPJ
Harrington, R.	DB	6-1	186	21	21	Houston
Hogan, Mike	LB	6-3	220	21	21	Mich. St.
Jones, Dave	LB	6-4	218	21	21	Baylor
Kern, Rex	DB-QB	5-11	190	21	21	Ohio St.
Larson, Lynn	OT	6-4	254	23	23	Kansas St.
Maliska, Paul	DB	6-1	190	23	23	Florida
McCauley, Don	RB	6-1	207	21	21	Davidson
Mikolayunas, M.	RB	6-1	200	21	21	Yale
Neville, Tom	LB	6-3	225	22	22	Kent St.
Nottingham, D.	DB	5-10	210	21	21	Fla. State
Pederson, Dan	WR	6-0	175	21	21	Bucknell
Rohrbaugh, Bob	OT	6-3	265	21	21	Mich. St.
Triplett, Bill	WR	6-1	185	21	21	Texas
Wuensch, B.	OG-OT	6-3	230	22	22	Texas



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26 CLEVELAND	—
Oct. 3 AT New England	14-6
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17 AT N.Y. Giants	—
25 AT Minnesota (N)	—
31 PITTSBURGH	—
Nov. 8 LOS ANGELES (N)	—
14 AT N.Y. Jets	29-22
21 MIAMI	35-0
28 AT Oakland	—
Dec. 5 BUFFALO	17-17
11 AT Miami	17-34
19 NEW ENGLAND	27-3

# MIAMI DOLPHINS

## PREDICTION—3rd

There must have been an occasional doubt—with more than an occasional curse—which penetrated the weary brains of the Miami Dolphins as Don Shula sent them through unheard-of three-a-day workouts in training camp last July and August. The doubts and curses involved Shula, who transferred his coaching skills from Baltimore to Miami in a spectacular off-season caper.

But the Dolphins became firm believers as Shula pulled a Pygmalion and led one of pro football's joke franchises into the playoffs.

The Dolphins, of course, are

jokes no more. Their colleagues in the NFL expected them to fade from contention at midseason when Baltimore and Cleveland shut them out on consecutive weekends. But Miami came back strongly, drubbing the Colts in a rematch in the Orange Bowl.

People were amazed when they made the playoffs and gave them almost no chance against strong Oakland. But the Dolphins presented a 21-14 argument against the Raiders and walked off the field with greater respect than ever before.

There is reason to believe Miami can be stronger in 1971.

For one thing the Shula system is now familiar to the squad. The coach won't have to spend

**DON SHULA, Head Coach.**  
Assistants: Howard Schellenberger, Tom Keane, Bill Arnsperger, Carl Taseff, Monte Clark, Mike Scarry.

so much time on introductory things, as he did last year.

For another, the five rookies he started on the defensive unit benefitted from a year's experience. The mistakes they made last year presumably won't be made this year.

The Dolphins' game under Shula is ball control. They took it to the enemy with time-consuming power plays and it paid off.

Fullback Larry Csonka, the ex-Syracuse star, finished second in AFC rushing with 874 yards and a 4.5-yard average. His running mate, Jim Kiick, had 658 yards and a 3.4 average. Mercury Morris, inserted into the lineup often to provide a change-



LARRY CSONKA lunges for 2nd effort yardage against Colts. Larry set Miami mark in '70 with 874 yards on 193 carries.

of-pace outside threat, chipped in with 409 yards and a 6.8 average.

That ate up a lot of clock and kept the opposition from getting an extended crack at an inexperienced defense. Most clubs would be happy with Csonka, a stallion of a runner who seems able to control the ball all by himself. Kiick is a courageous, determined runner with a wide wheel base and a reluctance to go down under man-to-man tackling.

Given that kind of ground game, quarterback Bob Griese was able to use his passing quite choosily. Keeping the defense honest helped give him the highest completion percentage (58%) and the best average-gain per completion (8.24 yards) in the conference.

Bob wasn't afraid to use his runners in that toughest of areas—vs. goal-line defenses. Kiick and Csonka split a dozen running touchdowns.

Not that Miami depended entirely upon a thump-thump attack. Shula made liberal use of Mercury Morris, an excellent outside runner. Morris averaged almost five yards a carry in keeping the middle of the line from getting too congested.

But the essential change of pace came from Paul Warfield, the first outstanding deep receiver on whom Griese has been able to depend. The deal which sent Miami's first draft choice of 1970 to Cleveland for Warfield must rank as one of the all-time bargains.

Warfield caught just 28 passes, but almost all were in the vital category. His six touchdowns all seemed to come at the moment of truth.

Warfield also attracted enough attention to allow Howard Twilley to blossom as a pro. Twilley doesn't have the desired speed, but he is able to get open with precise patterns and a warehouseful of moves. If he's not functioning well, Shula is able to insert ex-Colt Willie Richardson or Karl Noonan, who had an 11-touchdown season for the Dolphins three years ago.

There should be even more dimension this year with the arrival of Iowa State's Otto Stowe,

the top draft choice. Stowe went in the second round, as Miami's own first-round choice was sent to Baltimore as balm for Shula's defection. But the 1971 draft was an outstanding one, so Stowe normally would have been a first-round pick.

At any rate, Otto was considered one of the fine collegiate receivers available.

Miami is well cared for at tight end, too. Marv Fleming joined the club after playing out his option and his blocking was a principal reason the running attack functioned so well. Fleming made some important possession catches, also. Backing him up is last season's top draft pick, ex-Michigan All-America Jim Mandich. He has bright promise.

Monte Clark, the ex-Cleveland tackle, made his coaching debut a successful one by coaxing his lightly-regarded charges into superior performances.

Bob DeMarco, a Cardinal reject, is the center. Carl Mauck, who played for Shula at Baltimore, got in quite a bit due to a mid-season injury to DeMarco. Doug Cruson, drafted in the first round three years ago, is a comer at tackle. Playing opposite him is Norman Evans.

The star of the line is Larry Little, the swift 270-pounder who blossomed as a guard under Clark. San Diego had given up on him a year before. Maxie Williams and Bob Kuechenberg are other experienced guards.

Despite the development of

the line, Shula was concerned that Griese might go down for the count some day with no adequate backup quarterback available. John Stofa, the much-traveled Cinderella man, was the only sub at the end of last year.

So Shula made a brilliant draft pick in the fourth round, selecting Notre Dame's great star, Joe Theismann. Most scouts were leery of picking him. He had the major-league arm, the moxie, the mobility, the cool and the ability to win. But he was slight of build and his height was under six feet.

The Dolphins weren't too concerned about those things, since the description could have fit Griese almost perfectly. With Theismann backing up there would be no need to re-tool the Dolphin offense to fit another quarterback.

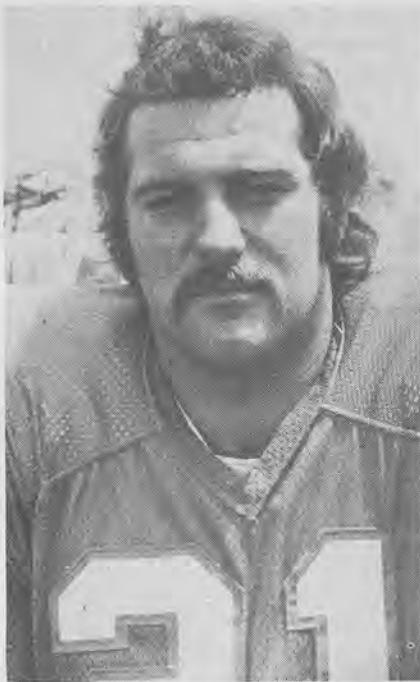
But the aggressive raiders from Canada, the Toronto Argonauts, stepped in and pirated the Notre Damer.

That caused Miami to sign George Mira, the strong-armed scrambler who bounced from San Francisco to Philadelphia to Baltimore within the last two years. Mira never turned out to be the "next Fran Tarkenton," as predicted, but his greatest moments came in the Orange Bowl, where he played as a University of Miami All-America and a Coral Gables high school star.

Completing the offensive picture is another reject, place-kicker Garo Yepremian. The little Cypriot was canned by De-

PAUL WARFIELD (left), wide receiver, MERCURY MORRIS, running back, DOUG CRUSON, tackle, MIKE KOLEN, linebacker, and MAXIE WILLIAMS, guard, present five reasons for high hopes. Morris is Miami Dolphins' bubble gum man.





JIM KIICK has distinction of being among top 10 in rushing and receiving.

troit because of inconsistencies, but with the Dolphins he plunked field goals through at a 22-for-29 rate. His accuracy from beyond the 40 was startling.

The Dolphins started five rookies on defense last year—free safety Jake Scott, corners Curtis Johnson and Tim Foley and linebackers Mike Kolen and Doug Swift. All are expected to be far more effective, although Scott was a find in his first year of U.S. pro ball. He benefitted from a year in the Canadian League.

Lloyd Mumphord might wrest back one of the corner spots, but the strong safety position remains in the strong hands of Dick Anderson.

Nick Buoniconti still has the savvy to help his young colleagues as a middle linebacker, but the Dolphins thought of his retirement day by drafting Dale Farley of West Virginia.

The biggest problem is perfecting a pass rush. Bill Stanfill is a lot better end than he showed last year. Manny Fernandez is developing into a first-class tackle but the Dolphins need more oomph from John Richardson, the other tackle, and end Jim Riley. Ex-Bear Frank Cornish and young Norman McBride are the backups.



BOB GRIESE completed 58 per cent of aerials for 2019 yards, dozen tallies.



GARO YPREMIAN kicked 22 of 29 tries for field goal and had 31 extra points.

#### DOLPHINS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
40	Anderson, Dick	S	6-2	200	25	4	Colorado
44*	Brown, Rean	CB-S	5-10	170	25	3	Ft. Valley
85	Buoniconti, Nick	LB	5-11	220	30	10	Notre Dame
71	Cornish, Frank	DT	6-4	285	27	6	Grambling
77	Crusan, Doug	T	6-5	260	25	4	Indiana
39	Csonka, Larry	RB	6-2	235	24	4	Syracuse
54	Davis, Ted	LB	6-1	232	29	8	Ga. Tech
61	DeMarco, Bob	C	6-2	245	31	11	Dayton
55*	Edmunds, R.	LB	6-2	220	25	3	Ga. Tech
73	Evans, Norm	T	6-5	250	28	7	TCU
75	Fernandez, M.	DT	6-2	250	24	4	Utah
80	Fleming, Marv	TE	6-4	235	29	9	Utah
25	Foley, Tim	CB	6-0	195	22	2	Purdue
32	Ginn, Hubert	RB	5-11	190	23	1	Fla. A&M
12	Griese, Bob	QB	6-1	190	26	5	Purdue
***	Hazelton, Major	DB	6-2	190	26	4	Fla. A&M
72	Heinz, Bob	DT	6-6	260	24	3	Pacific
45	Johnson, Curtis	CB	6-2	200	23	2	Toledo
21	Kiick, Jim	RB	5-11	220	25	4	Wyoming
57	Kolen, Mike	LB	6-2	215	23	2	Auburn
67	Kuchenberg, Bob	G	6-3	255	23	2	Notre Dame
62*	Langer, Jim	G	6-2	240	25	2	S. Dak. St.
***	Lewis, Gary	RB	6-3	225	29	7	Arizona St.
66	Little, Larry	G	6-1	270	25	5	B.-Cookman
60	Mauck, Carl	C	6-3	240	24	3	So. Illinois
88	Mandich, Jim	TE	6-3	225	23	2	Michigan
53*	McBride, Norm	DE	6-3	245	24	3	Utah
35	Mitchell, Stan	RB	6-2	201	27	6	Tennessee Tech
79	Moore, Wayne	T	6-6	265	25	2	Lamar Tech
22	Morris, Mercury	RB	5-10	190	24	3	W. Tex. St.
26	Mumphord, L.	WR	5-11	180	24	3	Tex. So.ern
89	Noonan, Karl	WR	6-3	205	27	6	Iowa
50*	Palmer, Dick	LB	6-2	220	23	2	Kentucky
48	Petrella, Bob	S	6-0	184	26	6	Tennessee
56	Powell, Jesse	LB	6-3	215	24	3	W. Tex. St.
31*	Pryor, Barry	RB	6-0	215	25	3	Boston U.
***	Raye, Jimmy	DB	6-0	194	25	3	Mich. St.
74	Richardson, J.	DT	6-2	260	26	5	UCLA
77	Richardson, W.	WR	6-2	198	30	9	Jackson St.
70	Riley, Jim	DE	6-4	260	26	5	Oklahoma
13	Scott, Jake	S	6-0	188	26	2	Georgia
20	Seiple, Larry	TE-P	6-0	220	26	5	Kentucky
84	Stanfill, Bill	DE	6-5	250	24	3	Georgia
5	Stofa, John	QB	6-3	210	29	6	Buffalo
59	Swift, Doug	LB	6-3	230	23	2	Anherst
81	Twilley, H.	WR	5-10	180	28	6	Tulsa
42	Warfield, Paul	WR	6-0	190	28	8	Ohio St.
51*	Welsacosky, E.	LB	6-1	230	27	5	Miami (Fla.)
78	Williams, Maxie	G	6-4	250	31	7	S.E. La.
1	Ypremian, Garo	K	5-8	172	27	4	None
***	Mira, George	QB	5-11	190	29	7	Miami (Fla.)
***	Quayle, Frank	RB	5-9	195	24	2	Virginia

\* Taxi Squad at end of 1970 Season

\*\* Injured Reserve 1970 Season.

\*\*\* Signed as Free Agents.

#### Pre-season Games

Aug.	7	CINCINNATI (N)
	13	SAN FRANCISCO (N)
	21	AT Green Bay., Mil. (N)
	28	DETROIT (N)
Sept.	4	WASHINGTON (N)
	11	AT Minnesota (N)

1971 SCHEDULE		1970 Scores
Sept.	19	AT Denver
	26	AT Buffalo
Oct.	3	N.Y. JETS
	10	AT Cincinnati
	17	NEW ENGLAND
	24	AT N.Y. Jets
	31	AT Los Angeles
Nov.	7	BUFFALO
	14	PITTSBURGH
	21	AT Baltimore
	29	CHICAGO (N)
Dec.	5	AT New England
	11	BALTIMORE
	19	GREEN BAY

#### ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Byars, Leroy	RB	5-11	220	23	Alcorn A&M
Coleman, Dennis	G	6-3	225	22	Mississippi
Delgalo, James	QB	6-1/2	195	24	Tampa
Den Herder, V.	DE	6-6	240	22	Central
Dickerson, Ron	DB	6-4	190	23	Kansas St.
Farley, Dale	DE-LB	6-4	245	22	West Va.
George, Willie	TE	6-5	222	21	Ft. Valley
Hauser, Pat	WR	6-0	190	24	East Tenn.
Hepburn, Lionel	LB	6-0	190	22	Tex. So.ern
McCoy, Jay	RB	5-11	220	24	Memphis St.
Mack, Winston	LB	6-2	228	23	B.-Cookman
Maree, Ron	DT	6-6 1/2	285	21	Purdue
Mark, Curt	LB	6-2	220	22	Mayville
Mitchell, Alvin	WR	6-1	188	24	Morgan St.
Moore, Maulty	DE	6-5	260	25	B.-Cookman
Myers, Chris	WR	6-2	190	21	Kenyon
Myles, George	DT	6-4	245	22	Mor. Brown
O'Connor, John	DE	6-8	250	23	Great Falls
Parks, Joe	DB	6-2	195	22	Lakehead
Richards, Robt.	G	6-2	253	22	California
Stowe, Otto	WR	6-2	185	22	Iowa St.
Surma, Vic	T	6-4	260	21	Penn St.
Zioch, Charles	DB	6-1	185	21	Notre Dame

# BUFFALO BILLS

## PREDICTION—4th

They're starting to refer to the Bills as "sleeping giant" around the AFC. It seems obvious that Buffalo has better personnel than is indicated by its dismal 3-10-1 record of last year.

The team's true capabilities might have been revealed in two victories over the Jets, one of which was accomplished when the New Yorkers had most everyone healthy, and the two games it played against the World champion Baltimore Colts. One was a 17-17 tie and the other a 14-20 loss, in which the lowly Bills made the Colts perspire profusely before they won the game which decided the AFC-Eastern title.

The Cincinnati Bengals and Miami Dolphins were a sampling of negative opinions on the Bills' potential. The Bengals, not exactly a high-powered offensive team, belted Buffalo, 42-14, while Miami closed out the Bills' season by barbecueing them, 45-7.

Buffalo was hexed by a variety of injuries, including a knee problem which kayoed O. J. Simpson for the last seven games. But long before the Red Cross was called the Bills were beating themselves far too often.

Not many clubs were even close to the Bills' turnover total. They fumbled 37 times and lost the ball 26. They were intercepted 26 times and penalized 99 times for 1108 yards.

As if the tangible problems weren't enough, coach John Rauch found himself with a massive morale dilemma. There was almost universal complaining of a lack of communication between the coach and his players.

Owner Ralph Wilson debated with himself for several weeks after the final game before announcing Rauch would be back for the third year on his four-year contract.

The happiest thing that happened to Buffalo was finding a quarterback. Dennis Shaw started the third game of the season and supervised a 34-31 upset of the Jets. He ended up a popular choice for NFL or AFC Rookie-of-the-Year in all but a few polls.

Shaw is a gutsy, poised quarterback with a strong throwing arm. He has a great deal to learn about reading defenses, but his

**JOHN RAUCH, Head Coach.**  
Assistants: Marvin Bass, Ralph Hawkins, Chuck Gottfried, Bobby Hunt, Tom Day.

55 per cent completion percentage and 2507 yards were among the brightest performances ever by a Buffalo quarterback. He takes a hard shot without whimpering, too, which is a definite asset on the Bills. He was dropped 41 times for an aggregate loss of 387 yards.

Shaw was helped by throwing to the leading receiver in the AFC, Marlin Briscoe, who took



DENNIS SHAW took over quarterback as rookie in '70, passed 2507 yds, 10 TDs.

down 57 passes for an 18.2-yard average and eight touchdowns. Briscoe was Buffalo's sole delegate to the Pro Bowl. The other wide receiver, Haven Moses, has super-star ability but he could be pushed right out of the lineup by the team's first draft choice, blinding-fast J.D. Hill of Arizona State.

Hill was considered the finest non-quarterback available in the draft. He is one of four draftees considered as possible starters.

Another is tight end Jan White, who starred on Ohio State's great teams of the last three years. At 216 pounds, White is a trifle light for the position as a pro, but Rauch wants some speed coming off the line of scrimmage and White has been clocked in :04.6 for the 40-yard dash. His assignment is to beat out incumbent Austin Denney, a yeoman blocker but something of a slew-foot on anything but short pass patterns.

There is another intriguing rookie receiver, clutch artist Bob Chandler of Southern California. He'll have to chase the surviving subs, Glen Alexander, Clyde Glosson and Ike Hill.

Simpson was pronounced medically fit for his third pro season. If the Bills had been in se-

rious contention when O.J. got hurt at mid-season, it's likely he would have been back in the lineup late in the year. The injury was only a capsule tear at the rear of the knee. He was the AFC's second-leading rusher and was averaging 47.6 on kickoff returns when he got decked.

When he was injured the Bills uncovered another fine runner, Greg Jones, but he broke his wrist a few weeks later. O.J.'s original sub, Max Anderson tore up a knee in an exhibition game.

Wayne Patrick is fully healed from his separated shoulder, but he'll have to fight off West Virginia rookie Jim Braxton to keep the No. 1 fullback job. The man who ended the season as the starting fullback, Bill Enyart, was traded to Oakland. Braxton will get another audition as the kickoff man, something the Bills have been lacking.

The No. 1 objective in training camp last year was to re-upholster the offensive line. Progress was made but there still is much work to be done. Right tackle Paul Costa is approaching the All-Star class three years after his switch from tight end. Guard Joe O'Donnell is solid and two sophomores, Jim Reilly and Rick Cheek, had some fine rookie mo-

ments splitting the other guard.

But the No. 3 draft pick, 6-7 Washington center Bruce Jarvis, likely will be handed the center job over vet Frank Marchlewski. Vet Howard Kindig, who had some good games before being injured last year, is listed ahead of 300-pounder Art Laster at left tackle.

Ever since Pete Gogolak defected to the New York Giants a half-dozen seasons ago the Bills have searched fruitlessly for a premium kicker. They traded in Bruce Alford (17 for 26) on Grant Guthrie last year. Guthrie was a disappointing 10-for-19.

Unless the Bills pick up another kicker in the interim, Guthrie gets a chance for redemption.

Defensively the Bills have the potential for a first-rate unit, if they could attain some degree of consistency. With key defensive youngsters like middle linebacker Edgar Chandler, defensive end Al Cowlings and cornerback Bobby James more settled into their positions that could happen.

Cowlings was the team's most effective pass rusher as a rookie last season, but he's been switched from the right to left side where he replaces veteran Ron McDole, traded to Wash-



JOE O'DONNELL, 6-2 and 262, is vet team captain on the offensive line.



O.J. SIMPSON, an outstanding rusher and kick returner, was injury victim.



BUTCH BYRD, iron man cornerback, is aiming to nail down All-Pro honors.

ton. Mike McBath, who finished fast in '70, has the right side to himself. Cowlings has to play somewhere for a team which got to the opposing quarterback only 31 times last year.

The incumbent tackles—Jim Dunaway and Bob Tatarek—are in the same mold—very strong, very tough and not very quick. Julian Nunamaker, once a highly-rated youngster, gets a last chance here.

Chandler moved into the starting role for the first time and acquitted himself well. He was an All-America guard at Georgia, so the transition to a new position has been a tough one for him. He has great speed.

If Mike Stratton snaps back from his Achilles tendon injury, the Bills will be fortified at linebacker. Stratton was having one of his best seasons as an outside man when the injury hit. The other linebacker, Paul Guidry, is among the NFL's most underrated players. Two other linebackers, Mike McCaffrey and Al Andrews are coming off knee surgery.

James, an intense hard hitter, won a starting corner job last year. He had a peaks-and-valleys season. If he can relax more, the Bills might have found themselves a star. Butch Byrd is a seasoned headhunter on the other side. He comes up with the dramatic interception. The trade which dispatched Enyart to Oakland brings Alvin Wyatt, a promising corner who also doubles as a dangerous kick returner.

Jackie Allen, who filled in competently as a corner, moves to free safety where he challenges Pete Richardson. Big John Pitts sometimes has troubles against the faster tight ends, but he still has plenty of room to develop.

The team is looking for a punter after Paul Maguire, veteran of seven seasons with the team, was amputated from the roster after a rift with Rauch. Jim Sheffield of Texas A&M was drafted with the vacancy in mind.

J.D. Hill and Simpson should form a sensational kick return pair. O.J. was making it a 50-yard field before he was hurt.



**JIM DUNAWAY**, 6-4 and 277, starts his 9th year at defensive tackle spot, appears headed for strong campaign.



**AL COWLINGS**, Bills' most effective pass rusher as rookie, shifts to left as replacement for vet Ron McDole.

#### BUFFALO BILLS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs.	Pro	College
45	Alexander, G.	WR	6-3	205	24	2	Grambling	
21	Allen, Jackie	CB	6-1	187	24	2	Baylor	
22	Anderson, M.	RB	5-8	180	26	4	Ariz. St.	
56	Andrews, Al	LB	6-3	216	26	2	N. Mex. St.	
86	Briscoe, Marlin	WR	5-11	178	25	3	Omaha	
42	Byrd, Butch	CB	6-0	196	28	8	Boston U.	
74	Carr, Levert	T	6-3	260	27	3	N. Central	
52	Chandler, E.	MLB	6-3	235	25	4	Georgia	
73	Cheek, Richard	G	6-3	266	23	2	Auburn	
51	Collins, Jerald	LB	6-1	220	24	3	West. Mich.	
79	Costa, Paul	T	6-5	255	29	7	Notre Dame	
82	Cowlings, Al	DE	6-5	258	24	2	USC	
63	Cunningham	MLB	6-2	232	26	4	Arkansas	
10	Darragh, Dan	QB	6-3	208	24	4	Wm. & Mary	
84	Denney, Austin	TE	6-2	230	27	2	Tennessee	
78	Dunaway, Jim	DT	6-4	277	29	9	Mississippi	
53	Fowler, Wayne	C	6-3	260	22	2	Richmond	
69	Gant, Jerome	T	6-4	266	23	2	N. C. Central	
26	Glossen, Clyde	WR	5-11	175	24	2	El Paso	
85	Grate, Willie	TE	6-4	225	24	3	S. C. St.	
59	Guidry, Paul	LB	6-2	233	27	6	McNeese	
7	Guthrie, Grant	K	6-0	210	23	2	Fla. St.	
12	Harris, Jim	QB	6-4	215	24	3	Grambling	
65	Harvey, Waddey	DT	6-4	282	24	3	Va. Tech	
28	Hill, Ike	CB	5-10	180	24	2	Catavba	
20	James, Robert	CB	6-2	185	24	3	Fisk	
36	Jones, Greg	RB	6-1	201	23	2	U.C.L.A.	
51	Kindig, Howard	T-C	6-6	265	30	5	L. A. St.	
57	Laster, Art	T	6-4	279	23	2	Md. St.	
55	Maguire, Paul	P	6-0	232	32	8	Citadel	
57	Marchiewski, F.	C	6-2	240	27	7	Minnesota	
76	McBath, Mike	DE	6-4	248	25	4	Penn St.	
64	McCaffrey, M.	LB	6-3	235	25	2	California	
27	Moses, Haven	WR	6-3	205	25	4	San Diego	
40	Moss, Roland	WR	6-3	215	24	3	Toledo	
88	Nunamaker, J.	DT	6-3	252	25	3	Tenn.-Martin	
67	O'Donnell, Joe	G	6-2	262	30	6	Michigan	
33	Pate, Lloyd	RB	6-1	205	25	2	Cincinnati	
30	Patrick, Wayne	RB	6-2	254	25	4	Louisville	
27	Pharr, Tommy	S	5-10	187	24	2	Miss. St.	
48	Pitts, John	S	6-4	223	26	5	Ariz. St.	
61	Reilly, Jim	G	6-2	260	23	2	Notre Dame	
47	Richardson, P.	S	6-0	193	23	3	Dayton	
16	Shaw, Dennis	QB	6-2	209	24	2	San Diego	
32	Simpson, O. J.	RB	6-2	208	24	3	USC	
32	Stratton, Mike	LB	6-3	241	30	10	Tennessee	
71	Tatarek, Bob	DT	6-4	260	25	4	Miami	

#### Pre-season Games

Aug. 6 NEW ORLEANS (N)

16 AT Philadelphia (N)

22 BOSTON

29 AT Atlanta, 4 P.M.

Sept. 4 AT Detroit (N)

10 GREEN BAY (N)

#### 1971 SCHEDULE

#### 1970 Scores

Sept. 19 DALLAS

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26 MIAMI

14-33

Oct. 3 AT Minnesota

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10 BALTIMORE

14-20

17 AT N.Y. Jets

10-3

23 AT San Diego (N)

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31 ST. LOUIS

—

Nov. 7 AT Miami

7-45

14 AT New England

45-10

21 N.Y. JETS

34-31

28 NEW ENGLAND

10-14

Dec. 5 AT Baltimore

17-17

12 HOUSTON

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19 AT Kansas City

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#### ROOKIES

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Browder, Andy	OT	6-4	255	21	Tex. A&I
Chandler, Bob	WR	6-0	180	22	So'ern Cal.
*Chapple, Dave	K-P	6-0	180	24	So'ern Cal.
Cole, Charles	FB	6-2	235	23	Toledo
Green, Don	OT	6-7	270	23	Purdue
Hill, J. D.	WR	6-1	193	22	Ariz. St.
Hoots, Jim	DE	6-5	251	22	Mo. So'ern
Hunter, Billy	DB	5-11	185	22	Utah
Jarvis, Bruce	C	6-7	246	22	Washington
*Jeffries, R.	WR	6-3	190	23	Livingston
McKinley, B.	DE-LB	6-3	241	22	Arizona
Morrison, Pat	TE	6-2	226	22	Arkansas
*Murphy, Bill	CB	5-11	180	27	Norfolk St.
*Parris, Stan	S	6-4	190	22	Henderson
Ross, Lewis	DE	6-6	238	24	S. C. State
*Schroder, S.	K-P	6-0	185	27	Pacific
Sheffield, Jim	P	5-11	187	23	Tex. A&M
Strickland, Bob	LB	6-2	215	22	Auburn
Underwood	QB-K	6-3	216	24	Tex. Christ.
Walls, T.	TE-RB	6-2	214	23	Missouri
White, Jan	TE	6-2	216	22	Ohio St.
*Wyatt, Alvin	CB	5-10	185	24	B. Cookman
*Newcomers					

# NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

## PREDICTION—5th

They used to refer to Billy Sullivan as the "Dreamer" in Boston. The reference was in scorn. The voluble Irishman had the wild idea he could hack through the jungle of Massachusetts politics and get a stadium built. An even wilder notion of his was that pro football would go in the area, even though it twice suffered miscarriages.

It turns out that Billy was a little more realistic than the scoffers thought.

His Patriots, now known as the "New England" Pats, will play in 60,000-seat Schaefer Stadium in nearby Foxboro. By early May, this team which seldom reached the 15,000 mark in

season tickets, had sold over 45,000.

The artistic side of the enterprise appeared sunny, too.

The Pats had a quarterback to build their dreams on—Jim Plunkett, the Heisman Trophy winner and No. 1 pick in the professional draft. They had an aggressive and sharp new general manager, Upton Bell, to erase the image of genial bumbling which formerly cursed the operation. And it had an ambitious new coach, John Mazur, who has a mandate to win.

But a mandate to win and an ability to win are two different things. Far different, when you consider the Pats' 2-12 won-lost record.

Reality is like this: at halftime

**JOHN MAZUR**, Head Coach.  
Assistants: Dick Evans, Bruce Beatty, Jerry Stolz, Bill Elias, John Meyer, Sam Rutigliano, Tom Fletcher.

of their final regular-season game against Cincinnati last December, the Pats trailed, 45-0, and Mazur was apologizing to the players who were putting forth effort for those who weren't.

Starting from that point to the point where those 60,000 customers will be entertained is quite a distance. It won't be done by wholesale trading.

"I'm against that," says Bell. "I'm a firm believer in the college draft."

But that also means Mazur will have to do a rehabilitation program on some of the talent he has available, including some of those citizens for whom he was apologizing in that Cincinnati game.

Possibly his biggest plus will



JOE KAPP is expected to regain his playing form as Patriot with session of camp drills under his belt at start.



JIM PLUNKETT, Heisman Trophy winner and No. 1 in pro draft, hit on 20 of 30 passes as he directed Stanford to 27-17 conquest of Ohio State in Rose Bowl.

be having Joe Kapp from the start of training camp. Kapp came in cold last year after playing out his option in Minnesota and sitting tight until the right offer came along. Kapp was a total flop as a Patriot.

The NFL's outstanding player when he put the Vikings into the Super Bowl in 1969, Kapp slumped miserably in '70. He completed only 44.7 per cent of his passes. The man who threw seven touchdown passes in one game against the Colts in '69 totaled only three in '70. He suffered a horrendous 17 interceptions.

It's inconceivable the big Chicano could have another year even approaching that kind of nightmare. If his pride isn't spur enough, Plunkett breathing down his neck should be added incentive.

Still in the wings, although a forgotten man in the Kapp-Plunkett talk, is former starter Mike Taliaferro. He threw 19 touchdown passes the year before last.

Rehabilitation task No. 2 will be to melt fullback Jim Nance down to manageable size. There are years when Nance looks like the greatest fullback of the last five or six seasons. There are other times when he resembles a Buddha. He says his weight is "irrelevant," but his girth seemed to expand with the size of the contract he signed last year.

He gained 522 yards last season, but he should be flirting with 1000.

Nance's running mate, Carl Garrett, was the rookie surprise of '69 but seemed to lose interest as a pro sophomore. His 272 yards and 3.1 rushing average were on the anemic side. He ranks as rehabilitation project No. 3.

No. 4 is Ron Sellers, who seems destined to become a super receiver if he can develop a higher threshold of pain. He has great concentration on the ball, greater hands and everything else an All-Pro needs. Except that he comes out of the lineup too often for what appear to be minor hurts.

The Pats don't seem to have the reserves to give Nance and

Sellers the needed push, but Garrett could be crowded by a rookie sleeper named Josh Ashton from Tulsa. Odell Lawson is highly regarded by the Pat brass, but he averaged only 1.9 yards a carry in his brief appearances last year.

Sellers seems to stand alone among the wide receivers, however. The pencil-shaped pass catcher might have left quite a bit to be desired as a sophomore, but when you consider the competition the Pats should be happy to have him available.

Bake Turner is pencilled in on the opposite side of the line of scrimmage, but his best days were left behind him with the New York Jets. Bake just doesn't have the speed to attract anything more than one-on-one coverage anymore. Charley Frazier, the ex-Houston speedster, also is on the thirty-ish side and his days of usefulness are numbered. Ex-Jet Bill Rademacher is strictly a fill-in.

The sleeper is Gayle Knief, who spent a couple of develop-

ment seasons on the Viking taxi squad. The Pats signed him on Kapp's recommendation and one late-season game gave them the idea it was a sound investment.

Gino Cappelletti, who lost his place-kicking job to Charley Golak, doesn't figure to help any more as a receiver at his advanced age. They're readying a couple of verses of Auld Lang Syne for one of the team's all-time favorites.

Eddie Ray pushes incumbent Barry Brown at tight end.

The offensive line was maligned in song and verse last year. Which is something of a surprise, since several of the Pat offensive linemen are admired individually. They include center Jon Morris, who is considered among the NFL's best men at the position—providing he isn't assigned the task of snapping the ball on punts or place-kicks.

Guard Len St. Jean is always mentioned when underrated players are discussed. Tackle Tom Neville is widely admired by foes. Tackle Mike Montler



RON SELLERS, 6-4 wide receiver, led Pats with 38 catches, 550 yards, 4 TDs.



CARL GARRETT was 5th in AFC with 9.9 norm on punt returns last season.

was considered a rookie find in '69. The fifth man, Tommy Funchess, hasn't produced much but he is considered to have great potential. All of which leads us to suspect the line could be a lot better than it has shown.

Mazur will try to develop some depth by switching tight end Tom Beer to guard. Ex-Charger Jim Schmedding and ex-Bill Angelo Loukas also get looks there. Ex-defensive end Dennis Wrigowski is auditioned at tackle and center.

Two young draftees have a better than even chance to break into the starting defensive line. One is the team's No. 1 draft pick in 1970, Phil Olsen. He missed his rookie season due to a knee injury he suffered in the All-Star camp, but this year he's rated a good possibility at right end. He'll have to beat out 6-8 Ron Berger to take the job.

The other touted youngster is tackle Julius Adams, the big boy from Prairie View who was this year's No. 2 pick. He'll challenge aging Jim Hunt at left tackle. The other spots should go to veteran end Ike Lassiter and the longtime star at right tackle, Houston Antwine.

If numbers can improve a situation, the Pats should smooth out their linebacking. There are four candidates at middle linebacker, five serious ones on the outside.

The crowd in the middle includes Jim Cheyunski, who was impressive before a series of injuries kayoed him last year; ex-Bill Marty Schottenheimer; ex-Saint Fred Whittingham; and Bob Olson, whose rookie season was interrupted by a broken elbow.

Mike Ballou and Notre Dame rookie Tim Kelly challenge incumbent John Bramlett on one side. Veterans Ed Philpott and John Williamson fight it out on the other.

The corners, Larry Carwell and Daryl Johnson, are experienced. Johnson had a good year. Veteran Don Webb is a competent free safety. The strong side is cared for by Clarence Scott with backup help from Tommy Janik and ex-Charger Dick Farley.



HOUSTON ANTWINE continues to hold down right tackle spot in 12th season.

#### 1970 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING		Nance, 42 points on 7 TD runs	23rd
RUSHING		Nance, 145 carries for 522 yds., 3.6 Avg., 7 TDs	13th
PASSING		Taliaferro, 78 in 173 attempts for 871 yds., 4 TDs	16th
RECEIVING		Sellers, 38 for 550 yds., 4 TDs	14th
INTERCEPTIONS		Johnson, 2 for 51 yds., 25.5 Avg.	46th
PUNTING		Janik, 86 punts, 39.1 Avg., longest 57 yds.	12th
PUNT RETURNS		Garrett, 17 for 168 yds., 9.9 Avg.	5th
KICKOFF RETURNS		Lawson, 25 for 546 yds., 21.8 Avg.	14th

#### Pre-season Games

Aug.	8	AT Minnesota	
	14	N.Y. GIANTS (N)	
	22	AT Buffalo	
	29	LOS ANGELES (N)	
Sept.	5	ATLANTA (N)	
	10	NY Jets, Memphis, Tenn. (N)	

1971 SCHEDULE		1970 Scores
Sept.	19	OAKLAND
	26	DETROIT
Oct.	3	BALTIMORE
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	10	N.Y. JETS
	17	AT Miami
	24	AT Dallas
	31	AT San Francisco
Nov.	7	HOUSTON
	14	BUFFALO
	21	AT Cleveland
	28	AT Buffalo
Dec.	5	MIAMI
	12	AT N.Y. Jets
	19	AT Baltimore



BOB OLSON, 1969 Irish All-America, was sidelined as rookie by arm injury.

#### PATRIOTS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs.	Pro	College
65	Antwine, H.	DT	6-0	270	32	11	So. Illinois	
51	Ballou, Mike	LB	6-3	235	23	2	UCLA	
82	Beer, Tom	TE	6-3	235	26	5	Houston	
88	Berger, Ron	DE	6-8	275	27	3	Wayne St.	
27	Beverly, Randy	CB	5-11	205	27	5	Colo. St.	
22	Blanks, Sid	RB	6-0	205	31	8	Texas A&I	
57	Bramlett, John	LB	6-1	220	29	7	Memphis St.	
86	Brown, J. Barry	TE	6-2	220	27	6	Florida	
67	Bugenhagen, G.	T-G	6-2	250	26	3	Syracuse	
20	Cappelletti, G.	WR-K	6-0	190	37	12	Minnesota	
41	Carwell, Larry	CB	6-2	200	26	7	Iowa St.	
50	Cheyunski, Jim	LB	6-2	220	26	4	Syracuse	
14	Dowling, Brian	QB	6-2	200	24	9	Yale	
81	Frazier, Charlie	WR	6-0	190	31	10	Tex. So'ern	
73	Funchess, Tom	T-G	6-5	260	26	4	Jackson St.	
30	Garrett, Carl	RB	5-11	210	23	3	N. Mex. H'ds.	
24	Gladieux, Bob	RB	5-11	190	24	3	Notre Dame	
7	Gogolak, Charlie	K	5-10	170	26	5	Princeton	
15	Hammond, Kim	QB	6-1	190	26	3	Florida St.	
79	Hunt, Jim	DT	5-11	255	32	12	Pr. View	
21	Janik, Tom	P-LS-RS	6-3	200	30	9	Tex. A&I	
23	Johnson, Daryl	CB	5-11	190	24	4	Morgan St.	
11	Kapp, Joe	QB	6-3	220	33	6	California	
84	Knief, Gayle	WR	6-3	205	24	2	Morningside	
87	Lassiter, Ike	DE	6-5	270	29	9	S. Augustine	
32	Lawson, Odell	RB	6-2	218	22	2	Langston	
66	Loukas, Angelo	G-T	6-3	250	24	3	No'western	
76	Mirich, Rex	DT	6-4	260	29	8	No. Ariz.	
64	Montier, M.	T-G-C	6-4	270	27	3	Colorado	
56	Morris, Jon	C	6-4	255	28	7	Holy Cross	
28	McMahon, A.	RS-LS	5-11	190	25	4	N. C. State	
35	Nance, Jim	RB	6-1	240	28	7	Syracuse	
77	Neville, Tom	T	6-4	255	27	9	Miss. St.	
78	Olsen, Phil	DE-DT	6-5	260	23	8	Utah St.	
58	Olsen, Bob	LB	5-10	235	22	8	Notre Dame	
44	Outlaw, John	CB	5-10	175	26	3	Jackson St.	
52	Philpott, Ed	LB	6-3	240	25	5	Miami, (O)	
33	Rademacher, B.	WR	6-1	190	28	8	No. Mich.	
36	Ray, Eddie	TE-RB-P	6-1	230	24	2	LSU	
60	St. Jean, Len	G	6-1	245	29	8	No. Mich.	
54	Schottenheimer, L.	LB	6-2	225	27	7	Pittsburgh	
26	Scott, Clarence	LS	6-2	205	26	3	Morgan St.	
34	Sellers, Ron	WR	6-4	195	24	3	Florida St.	
17	Taliaferro, Mike	QB	6-2	205	29	8	Illinois	
75	Toner, Ed	DT	6-2	250	26	3	Mass. U.	
40	Turner, Bake	WR	6-1	180	30	9	Tex. Tech	
42	Webb, Don	RS	5-10	195	31	11	Iowa State	
53	Whittingham, F.	LB	6-3	240	32	7	Cal. Poly	
55	Wiliamson, J. R.	LB	6-2	220	24	8	La. Tech	
85	Wrigowski, D.	T	6-5	255	23	2	Purdue	
71	Witt, Mel	DE	6-3	250	25	5	Arlington	

#### ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
1	Plunkett, Jim	QB	6-3	210	23	Stanford
2	Adams, Julius	DT	6-4	258	22	Tex. So'ern
5	Kelly, Tim	LB	6-1	220	22	Notre Dame
6	Hardt, D.	TE-T-DE-P	6-4	240	22	Kentucky
9	Ashton, Josh	RB	6-1	209	21	Tulsa
10	McDowell, Layne	RB-TE-LB	6-5	260	21	Iowa
11	Schneiss, RB-TE-LB	6-2	232	22	Nebraska	
12	Rodman, John	T-G	6-3	250	21	No'western
13	Swain, Lewis	WR-DB	6-2	194	21	Ala. A&M
14	Sykes, Alfred	WR	6-3	180	22	Fla. A&M
15	McGarry, Nick	TE	6-5	250	22	Mass. U.
16	Zikmund, Jim	DB	6-4	192	21	Kearney
17	Leigh, Ronald	DE	6-3	253	21	Eliz. City

# CLEVELAND BROWNS

## PREDICTION—1st

**I**t couldn't have been more shocking if Lake Erie suddenly became un-polluted. Or if the Indians started drawing fans to their baseball games. Or if Public Square had been swallowed up in an earthquake.

Here were the mighty Browns, comfortably housed in a weak new division in a supposedly-weaker league where everyone assumed they would be winning through eternity. Instead they get unseated by the rinkiest of the dinks.

What's more, the dinks are coached by the Browns' sworn enemy, Paul Brown!

Could the mighty Browns possibly fall to the likes of the Cincinnati Bengals again?

It says here it won't happen. Nor will they fall to the Pittsburgh Steelers or Houston Oilers, either.

The Browns have a new coach, a new outlook, some new wrinkles on defense and, probably, a new quarterback.

The new coach is Nick Skorich, onetime head man for the Philadelphia Eagles. He served an apprenticeship under the retired Brown coach, Blanton Collier. He knows the territory.

Skorich re-arranged his coaching staff and brought in some new blood. The Cleveland pass defense has been faulty for a couple of seasons. To help remedy that, Skorich brought in Richie McCabe, the ex-Buffalo and Oakland coach who has a bright reputation as a pass-defense whiz.

The possibility of a new quarterback is a strong one. Veteran Bill Nelsen is a fine passer and an even better leader. When he is right. But for the last season and a half his battered knees have prevented him from being right often enough.

When he was injured again last year, his wife even made a public appeal that he quit foot-

**NICK SKORICH**, Head Coach.  
Assistants: Bob Nussbaumer,  
Howard Brinker, Howard Keys,  
Dick Modzelewski, Ray Pro-  
chaska.



BILL NELSON, Browns' fine passer and field general, threw 13 TDs in '70.

ball. He's back but the Browns are worried that another injury may put him out for good.

They foresaw the possibility a year ago, when they traded their best receiver, the great Paul Warfield, for Miami's first pick in the college draft and then selected Mike Phipps of Purdue. Phipps played little in the first half of last season, but then got his feet drenched at the end.

Mike may not be ready to play regularly, but he might be forced into the job. If Nelsen isn't physically able to go, all that's behind him are Phipps and Don

Gault, who is even more inexperienced.

Nelsen played enough last year to gain 2156 yards and throw 16 touchdowns passes. Phipps' meager statistics are 60 passes thrown, 29 completed, one touchdown.

But it's more than stats where Nelsen is concerned. Bill is the inspirational type quarterback who can fire his team to the two or three victories which mean the difference between a divisional championship and second place.

Timing is another element which suffers if Nelsen is out of

there. With Warfield gone, it was presumed Gary Collins would have a blizzard of passes aimed at him. Instead Collins caught only 26 for a meager 13.5-yard average and just four touchdowns.

Phipps might accomplish the timing and leadership, as well as the passing knack, but it will take a cram course.

Cleveland doesn't figure that running back Leroy Kelly will have another season like he did last year. Since assuming Jim Brown's role in the Brown offense, Kelly had seasons of 1141 rushing yards, 1205, 1239 and 817.

Then, last year, nothing seemed to go right. The holes which blinked open just in time in previous seasons blinked shut. He finished eighth in the American Conference in rushing. His yardage total was an unimpressive 656, his average 3.2.

If Cleveland is to overtake Cincinnati or anyone else in the Central Division, Kelly will have to flirt with 1000 yards again.

The rest of the Cleveland offense is sound.

The tight end, Milt Morin, should rank with the NFL's best if his old back miseries are cleared up. He caught 37 passes last year. The big disappointment was Homer Jones, acquired from

GENE HICKERSON, 14-year vet is still able to hold his own at 35.



LEROY KELLEY, upended by 49er Mel Phillips after short gain. Kelley looks for better year. In 1970, he gained only 656 yards and a 3.2 average.

the Giants in the Ron Johnson-Jim Kanicki trade. Jones was counted upon to take up the slack of Warfield's departure. Instead Homer failed to win a regular job. His biggest contribution was a 94-yard kickoff return for the touchdown which broke open a close game with Jets in the NFL opener.

With Jones not producing, young Fair Hooker got his shot and caught 28 passes. He'll be challenged this year. The Browns drafted Paul Staroba of Michigan in the third round and little Stan Brown, the marvelous athlete

from Purdue, in the fifth.

Lost in the worry over Kelly's bad year, was the fact that ex-Canadian Leaguer Bo Scott gained almost as many yards as Leroy, 625. Reece Morrison and Steve Engel are the backup ball-carriers, but Bo Cornell, the tough runner from Washington U., was the No. 2 draftee.

The offensive line is in pretty fair shape, even though the two stars, guard Gene Hickerson and tackle Dick Schafrath, are 35 and 34, respectively. Fred Hoaglin ranks among the best centers and he's been a pro just five seasons.

John DeMarie is an excellent guard.

Hickerson's successor could be sub Jim Copeland or Bob Pena, the No. 4 draft pick from Massachusetts. Schafrath's successor may be found among sophomores Bob McKay or Al Jenkins. Joe Taffoni currently is Dick's running mate.

Defensively the Browns' greatest improvement last year was in the defensive line. For a team with almost no rush in '69, they developed a great deal of ferocity.

The biggest improvement came from young Jack Gregory, an end with a penchant for pressing the passer. The 6-5, 250-pounder is starting his fifth pro season and should contend for an All-AFC spot.

Joe Jones, a lithe 6-6, had some big moments as a rookie and likely will be Gregory's partner. He'll have to fight off reliable Ron Snidow, an eight-year vet, first.

Water Johnson is a good, solid tackle. Joe Righetti inherited Kanicki's job, but the young-

ster to watch is Jerry Sherk, the ex-Oklahoma State wrestler. He's a tough nut. Bill Yanchar also broke in as a rookie last year.

The linebacking was in a swirl last year. Almost everyone got a shot at playing the middle. Bob Matheson, who started as a defensive man, was first in line for the job this year. He's a one-time No. 1 draftee who hasn't hit it as predicted yet.

Jim Houston began '70 as the middle man, but later was moved to his familiar post on the outside. Dale Lindsey also got a crack there. John Garlington is developing into a strong outside backer but anyone could be in danger if quick Charlie Hall of Houston U. draws a bead. Another reliable sub is Bill Andrews.

Erich Barnes led the team in interceptions last year but he's 36 and entering his 14th pro season. There doesn't seem to be much opportunity for that old a corner on a team with rebuilding notions.

The first draft pick was Clarence Scott, the quick corner from

Kansas State. He's just about conceded a starting job. Walt Sumner, who lacks speed, is listed as his running mate but the job could fall to someone like Ben Davis or Major Stevenson.

Best of the deep backs is probably Ernie Kellerman. Slight for the position, Kellerman still manages to produce the big plays. Sumner may be switched to this position. Mike Howell, who has been an in-and-outer, is the free safety. Fred Summers backs up both.

Don Cockcroft connected on 12 of 22 field goals last year, reminding no one of Lou Groza. If Bob Jacobs of Wyoming looks good in the early games, Cockcroft likely would concentrate on punting he averaged 42.6.

#### BROWNS' VETERANS ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs.	Pro	College
52	Andrews, Bill	LB	6-1/2	225	26	5	S.E. La.	
40	Barnes, Erich	CB	6-3	212	36	14	Purdue	
84	Briggs, Bob	DE	6-4	276	26	4	Heidelberg	
30	Brown, Ken	RB	5-10	205	26	1	None	
12	Cockcroft, Don	K	6-1	190	26	4	Adams St.	
64	Copeland, Jim	G	6-2	245	26	5	Virginia	
28	Davis, Ben	CB	5-11	185	25	4	Defiance	
66	Demarle, John	G	6-3	255	26	5	LSU	
36	Engel, Steve	RB	6-1	218	23	2	Colorado	
50	Garlington, John	LB	6-1	225	25	4	LSU	
11	Gault, Don	QB	6-2	190	25	2	Hofstra	
83	Glass, C. (Chip)	TE	6-4	236	24	3	Florida St.	
81	Gregory, Jack	DE	5-1/2	250	26	4	Delta State	
66	Hickerson, Gene	G	6-2	248	35	14	Mississippi	
54	Hoaglin, Fred	C	6-4	250	27	6	Pittsburgh	
43	Hooker, Fair	WR	6-1	193	24	3	Ariz. St.	
82	Houston, Jim	LB	6-3	240	33	12	Ohio State	
34	Howell, Mike	S	6-1	190	28	7	Grambling	
60	Jenkins, Al	T	6-2	255	25	2	Tulsa	
71	Johnson, Walter	DT	6-4	275	28	7	L.A. State	
41	Jones, Dave	WR	6-1/2	185	24	3	Kansas St.	
85	Jones, Homer	WR	6-2	215	30	8	Texas So.	
80	Jones, Joe	DE	6-6	246	23	2	Tenn. St.	
24	Kellerman, Ernie	S	6-0	185	27	6	Miami, O.	
44	Kelly, Leroy	RB	6-0	200	29	8	Morgan St.	
51	Lindsey, Dale	LB	6-2 1/2	225	28	7	Western Ky.	
56	Matheson, Bob	LB	6-4	240	26	5	Duke	
78	McKay, Bob	T	6-5	260	23	2	Texas	
89	Morin, Milt	TE	6-4	240	28	6	Mass.	
26	Morrison, Reece	RB	6-0	205	25	4	S.W. Tex. St.	
66	Nelsen, Bill	QB	6-0	195	30	4	So'ern Cal.	
15	Phipps, Mike	QB	6-2 1/2	207	23	2	Purdue	
55	Reynolds, Chuck	C	6-2	240	24	3	Tulsa	
70	Righetti, Joe	DT	6-2	253	23	3	Waynesburg	
77	Schafrath, Dick	T	6-3	258	34	13	Ohio St.	
35	Scott, R. (Bo)	RB	6-3	210	28	3	Ohio St.	
78	Sherk, Jerry	DT	6-4 1/2	253	23	2	Oklahoma St.	
88	Snidow, Ron	DE	6-3	250	29	9	Arizona	
23	Stevenson, Rick	CB	5-11	188	23	3	Wake Forest	
20	Summers, Fred	S	6-1	180	24	3	Florida St.	
29	Summer, Walt	CB	6-1	180	24	5	Martin	
62	Taffoni, Joe	T	6-3	250	26	2	Purdue	
75	Yanchar, Bill	DT	6-3	251	23			

#### ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
87	Blanchard, Felix	TE	6-3	230	21	N. Carolina
21	Brown, Stanley	WR	5-9 1/2	174	22	Purdue
57	Casteel, Steve	LB	6-2 1/2	215	22	Oklahoma
17	Cilke, Mike	QB	6-1	205	23	Iowa
33	Cornell, R. (Bo)	RB	6-1	212	22	Washington
73	Dienken, Douglas	T	6-5	236	22	Illinois
53	Dillon, Leo	C	6-2	243	21	Dayton
79	Dixon, Jay	DE	6-5	248	22	Boston U.
59	Hall, Charles	LB	6-3	215	22	Western Ky.
42	Homoly, Guy	CB	6-0	180	24	Houston
10	Jacobs, Bob	K	6-2	229	22	Illinois St.
74	Jamula, Thad	T	6-3	235	22	Wyoming
58	Kingrea, Rick	LB	6-1	231	22	Lehigh
49	Levels, Wilmer	S	6-0	186	22	Tulane
26	Newton, Al	RB	6-0	225	22	No. Texas St.
68	Pena, Robert	G	6-1 1/2	254	22	Syracuse
22	Scott, Clarence	DB	6-0	180	22	Mass.
63	Slika, Mike	G	6-2	235	22	Kansas State
48	Smith, David	WR	5-11	165	22	Northwestern
47	Staroba, Paul	WR	6-3	204	22	Miss. St.
67	Truesdell, Tom	DE	6-5	255	23	Michigan
69	Williams, Joe	DE-DT	6-2	246	25	Ohio Wes.
25	Zelina, Larry	RB	5-11	204	22	Maryland St.
						Ohio State



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# CINCINNATI BENGALS

## PREDICTION—2nd

Along about the middle of last season the Cincinnati Bengals were stumbling around in their dismal fashion, causing no one much trouble.

They were in the midst of a six-game losing streak when that old sorcerer, Paul Brown, cast a spell of sorts over them.

Down went Buffalo. Then the hated Cleveland Browns. And after that the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Bengals didn't stop until they reached the playoffs and were eliminated by the eventual world champions, the Baltimore Colts.

What price would the Caliente winter book have quoted on the Bengals winning a championship from Paul Brown's old Cleveland team in their first year together in the newly-aligned Central Division of the American Conference?

That in itself was surprising enough. But the astounding part is that the Bengals did it without their Honcho, quarterback Greg Cook. Cook suffered a shoulder injury playing an off-season basketball game and didn't get to throw a ball after that.

In his place came little Virgil Carter, a weak-armed but savvy youngster who had been rejected by the Chicago Bears and Bills before the season started. With Brown calling plays, as usual, and Carter doing the basic execution, the Bengals performed one of the year's minor miracles.

The general feeling among pro football folks was the Cincinnati might have made a shambles of the Central Division race had Cook been the quarterback.

Their reasoning was that Cook's strong arm would have given the Bengals a weapon to open up the bunched-up defenses they faced. Carter's lack of height often kept him from spotting open targets deep in enemy secondaries. When he did spot them, he frequently didn't have

the oomph to get the ball there.

Bob Trumpy, the big tight end, was the Bengals' best deep threat when Cook was healthy. But last year his per-catch average dropped a full six yards, from 22.6 to 16.6, and his touchdown production slipped from nine to two.

It was generally conceded that Cook would send Carter to the bench this season, but then the medics discovered excessive "play" in Greg's shoulder late in the winter and dispatched him to the Cleveland Clinic for additional surgery.

Whether he can regain the touch which made him a super rookie in 1968 is the big question for Cincinnati football fans.

Almost as big a question is whether Carter, if called upon again, can maneuver the Bengals ahead of Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Houston two years in a row.

Last year he did it with guile and savvy and scrambling ability—and not a little help from Brown. There are three teams in the AFC-Central who vow he couldn't do it again. Unless Brown can work his sorcery on

**PAUL BROWN**, Head Coach.  
Assistants: John Donaldson, Bill Johnson, Chuck Studley, Bill Walsh, Vince Costello, Chuck Weber.

another rookie, he may have to try.

The rookie is a kid out of Augustana named Ken Anderson. He does well what Carter does poorly—throw the long ball and put steam on the medium-depth pass. He was one of the worst-kept secrets of the last draft. Most clubs planned to risk



VIRG CARTER is one of five quarterbacks on hand for Bengal title drive.



MIKE REID, Cincinnati's fine rookie tackle, grabs Oilers' Charley Johnson.

a fifth or sixth choice on him, but the Bengals, undaunted by Augustana's minor-league status, gambled in the third.

The key receiver still is Trumy, who was bothered by an ankle injury last year. Few tight ends go deep as well and few attract as much sophisticated coverage.

With Trumy restricted last year, Chip Myers, something of an unknown, led the club in receiving. The 6-5 Myers averaged an impressive 16.9 yards on his 32 catches. Eric Crabtree, Speedy Thomas and Bruce Coslet are other veteran receivers, none of whom ranks among the conference's outstanding players. Brown still is trying to develop ex-Olympic sprinter Tommie Smith.

Running was the Bengals' chief offensive catalyst last year. Jess Phillips had a tremendous start and Paul Robinson a big finish. Phillips finished with 648 yards. For half the season Robinson continued the slump which



LEMAR PARRISH, top Bengal kick returner, takes kickoff and follows PAUL ROBINSON. The Cincy specialist took 23 kicks and came back for 194 yards, 1 TD.



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followed his great rookie year. Then he took off and finished with 622 yards and a better average than Phillips, 4.2 to 4.0.

Carter, if he plays, also is a rushing contributor. He ran 65 times for a 4.2 average.

Best of the reserves are speedy Essex Johnson, promising Doug Dressler and Boston College's Fred Willis, No. 4 draft choice.

The offensive line is a fermenting one, and Brown upholstered it by making offensive linemen his first and second draft picks. Vernon Holland, a young giant from Tennessee State, was No. 1. He'll challenge Howard Fest for one tackle job. The second is Steve Lawson, a 262-guard from Kansas. He'll try to push Rufus Mayes, who was switched from tackle after the Bengals traded with the Chicago Bears for him.

Ernie Wright, a starter throughout his 12-year career at San Diego and Cincinnati, is one tackle. Mike Wilson, a blocky strong man, backs him up. Brown's messenger guards are squat Pat Matson and Guy Dennis.

Possibly the strongest interior position is center. The team's original first draft choice, Bob

Johnson, enters his fourth pro season.

Cincinnati got a big lift from two rookies in the defensive line last year. Tackle Mike Reid has that All-Pro look and end Ron Carpenter has big possibilities. Reid is considered a combination of Henry Jordan and Tom Keating. He's quick and strong.

The big surprise was Steve Chomyszak, the huge tackle previously best known for his homeric appetite. Chomy started handling guards like he handles roast beef. Royce Berry, the other end, is noted for making big plays. Nick Roman and well-traveled Willie Jones played quite a bit last year.

Brown fingered middle linebacker Bill Bergey as one of the coming stars in pro football when he drafted him three years ago and Bergey hasn't done anything to disappoint him.

Ken Avery, the ex-Giant, had a big year at outside linebacker. Al Beauchamp is an enforcer on the other side. Bill Peterson started at one time and Wayne McClure, sprung from the armed forces, also has experience. Chip Bennett, last year's No. 3 pick, was injured in 1970.

Ken Riley starts his third season at the right corner. The other side witnessed one of Brown's finds — Lemar Parrish, who breaks the speed limit. Fletcher Smith, so-so as a corner, was a far better strong safety in his first try at the new position. Ken Dyer, once a San Diego receiver, filled in nicely at free safety. The reserves are thin. Corner John Guillory and safety Al Coleman are the best.

The Bengals, with a lot of holes in a lot of places, can beat you with little things like the special teams.

Their punter, Dave Lewis, had the best punting average in pro football, 46.2. The ex-Canadian Leaguer also doubles as a fill-in quarterback.

Place-kicker Horst Muhlmann soccer-kicked 25 of 37 field goal tries. His output from beyond the

#### BENGALS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
51	Avery, Ken	LB	6-0	225	26	5	So. Miss.
58	Beauchamp, Al	LB	6-2	236	26	4	Southern
66	Bergey, Bill	LB	6-2	240	26	3	Ark. St.
82	Berry, Royce	DE	6-4	248	25	3	Houston
70	Carpenter, Ron	DE	6-4	260	23	2	N. C. State
11	Carter, Virg	QB	6-1	200	25	4	Brig. Young
79	Chomyszak, S.	DT	6-6	265	27	5	Syracuse
23	Coleman, Al	S	6-0	183	26	4	Tenn. St.
12	Cook, Greg	QB	6-4	220	24	2	Cincinnati
88	Coslet, Bruce	TE	6-3	230	24	3	Pacific
10	Crabtree, Eric	WR	5-11	185	26	6	Pittsburgh
63	Dennis, Guy	G	6-2	255	24	3	Florida
44	Dressler, Doug	RB	6-3	220	22	2	Chico St.
21	Dunn, Paul	WR	6-0	185	22	2	Int'l. (Cal.)
29	Durko, Sandy	S	6-1	185	22	2	So'ern Cal.
27	Dyer, Ken	S	6-3	190	25	4	Ariz. St.
59	Ely, Larry	LB	6-1	230	23	2	Iowa
72	Fest, Howard	T	6-6	268	25	4	Texas
28	Guillory, John	CB	5-10	185	25	3	Stanford
54	Johnson, Bob	C	6-5	265	24	4	Tennessee
19	Johnson, Essex	RB	5-9	195	24	4	Grambling
78	Jones, Willie Lee	DT	6-1	260	28		Kansas St.
87	Kelly, Mike	TE	6-4	215	23	2	Davidson
40	Lamb, Ron	RB	6-2	230	27	4	So. Carolina
15	Lewis, Dave	P-QB	6-2	210	25	2	Stanford
73	Matson, Pat	G	6-1	245	26	6	Oregon
71	Mayes, Rufus	T	6-5	255	23	3	Ohio St.
65	McClure, Wayne	LB	6-1	225	24	3	Mississippi
16	Muhlmann, Horst	K	6-1	210	31	3	None
25	Myers, Chip	WR	6-5	200	24	4	N. W. Okla.
20	Parrish, Lemar	CB	5-11	185	23	2	Lincoln
53	Peterson, Bill	LB	6-3	230	25	3	San Jose
30	Phillips, Jess	RB	6-1	210	24	4	Mich. St.
74	Reid, Mike	DT	6-3	258	23	2	Penn St.
13	Riley, Ken	CB	5-11	184	23	3	Fla. A&M
18	Robinson, Paul	RB	6-0	200	26	4	Arizona
81	Roman, Nick	DE	6-3	230	23	2	Ohio St.
31	Smith, Fletcher	CB	6-0	180	27	6	Tenn. St.
24	Smith, Tommie	WR	6-3	190	26	2	San Jose
17	Thomas, Speedy	WR	6-1	178	24	3	Utah
84	Trumphy, Bob	TE	6-6	225	26	4	Utah
77	Wells, Bob	G	6-4	280	25	4	J. C. Smith
67	Wilson, Mike	T	6-1	240	23	3	Dayton
75	Wright, Ernie	T	6-4	270	31	12	Ohio St.

#### ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	College
Holland, Vernon	OT	6-5	270	Tenn. St.
Lawson, Steve	G	6-3	265	Kansas
Anderson, Ken	QB	6-1 3/4	202	Augustana
Willis, Fred	RB	6-0	215	Boston Col.
May, Arthur	DE	6-3	245	Tuskegee
Craig, Cornelius	DB	6-1	185	Fisk
Herring, Fred	DB	6-1	190	Tenn. St.
Gustafson, Gary	LB	6-2	225	Montana St.
Stambaugh, Jack	G	6-2	246	Oregon
Marshall, Edw.	WR	6-5	200	Cameron
Hayden, J. R.	DE	6-6	260	Memphis St.
Knapman, Dave	TE	6-2	210	Cent. Wash.
Mallory, Irvin	DB	6-1	195	Va. Union
Thomas, Bob	RB	5-10	200	Ariz. St.
Debevc, Mark	LB	6-1	218	Ohio St.
Pearson, Sam	DB	5-11	176	Western Ky.



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**RUSHING**—Phillips, 163 carries for 648 yds., 4.0 Avg., 4 TDs ..... 9th  
**PASSING**—Carter, 143 in 278 attempts for 1647 yds., 9 TDs ..... 8th  
**RECEIVING**—Myers, 32 receptions for 542 yds., 1 TD ..... 22nd  
**INTERCEPTIONS**—Parrish, 5 for 28 yds., 5.6 Avg. ..... 14th  
**PUNTING**—Lewis, 79 punts, 46.2 Avg., longest 63 yards ..... 1st  
**PUNT RETURNS**—Parrish, 23 for 194 yds., 8.4 Avg., 1 TD ..... 12th  
**KICKOFF RETURNS**—Parrish, 16 for 482 yds., 30.1 Avg., 1 TD ..... 2nd

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31 AT Houston	30-20
Nov. 7 ATLANTA	—
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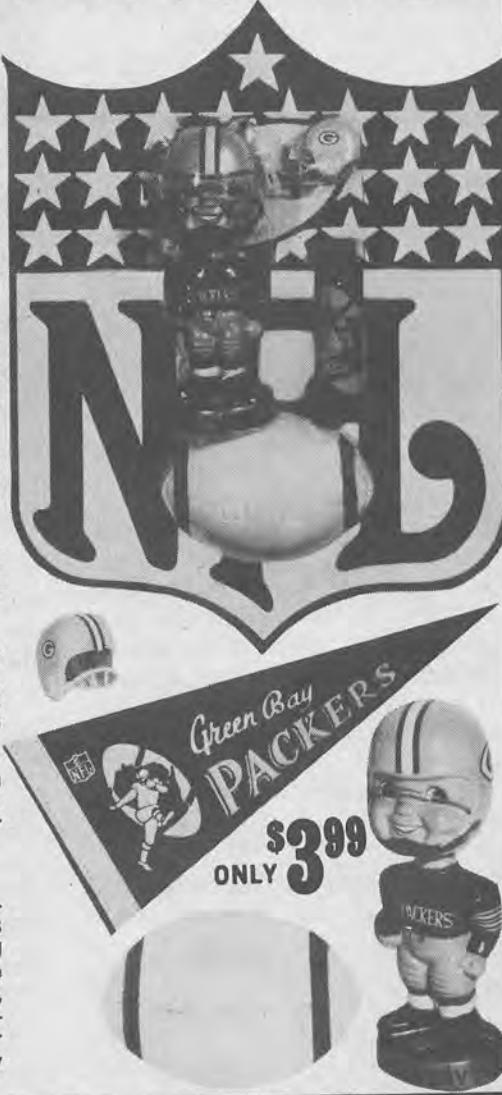
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# PITTSBURGH STEELERS

## PREDICTION—3rd

Pittsburghers take for granted the also-run status of the Steelers. It's part of the tradition, like no booze on Sundays.

Yet, for a fleeting stretch in the middle of last Autumn, it looked as if the Steelers might win their first pro football title of any sort.

The interminable losing streak—the one which qualified them to draft Terry Bradshaw the year before—stretched to 16. Then a 23-10 victory over Buffalo broke it. Then there was another victory over Houston and before you knew it the Steelers, of all people, had won four of five and were in command in the AFC-Central.

Tradition, of course, won out. But the Steelers showed enough occasional skill to convince them and their followers that the team is capable of winning the easiest division in the National League. If smoke can be licked in Pittsburgh, why can't the pro football drought?

The Steelers dropped five of

TERRY HANRATTY completed 64 of 163 aerials as he shared quarterback role.



TERRY BRADSHAW gets off pass as he is tackled by Houston's Elvin Bethea. He hit on 83 of 218 aerials for 1410 yards, six touchdowns while sharing qb duties.

their last six, but the one victory was scored over Cleveland, 28-9, which was another morale booster. It was the hurdling of a large psychological barrier to lick an old rival which seemed unbeatable for the rest of its conference foes before the season.

Bradshaw, the "Namath with Knees," discovered the road to immortality is a long one. It seemed that every other pass he launched was intercepted. He finished with 24 interceptions, only 6 touchdown passes.

Almost handed the No. 1 quarterback job at the start of the season, he floundered miserably and lost it to Terry Hanratty a mere pro sophomore. Still considered a fantastic prospect, Bradshaw will have to wrest it away from Hanratty in training camp. They started even.

Terry wasn't very impressive either in '70. Bradshaw completed but 38.1 per cent of his passes. Hanratty connected at a 39.3 pace.

To smooth out their rough edges, the Steelers hired Babe Parilli to coach the quarterbacks. Babe has a way with youngsters. His arrival into the Jets' camp as a backup quarterback co-incided

with a maturity of Joe Namath.

Object No. 2 is to acquire some pass-catching talent to smooth the way for Bradshaw and/or Hanratty. Ron Shanklin had his moments as a rookie, but over-all the receiving corps was not something to curdle the blood of an opposing defensive coordinator.

Shanklin caught 30 passes for a 23-yard average. Dave Smith, something of a rookie find, caught 30 for 15.3 average. The third receiver, tight end Dennis Hughes, was also a rookie. He caught 24 and then spent the winter and spring in Bradshaw's hometown so he could work out daily with the quarterback.

Another year of experience could make them far more effective, but to be sure Pittsburgh drafted Grambling's Frank Lewis, a grass-burning pass catcher on the first round.

Lewis has enough speed to terrorize any corner back in shoulder pads, but he was cursed by a constant rash of injuries in college.

The reserves are undistinguished. The best of them are little Jon Staggers, Hubie Bryant and a sleeper rookie, often-

**CHUCK NOLL**, Head Coach.  
Assistants: Max Coley, Bob Fry, Walt Hackett, Charley Sumner, Lionel Taylor, Babe Parilli, Lou Riecke.

injured George Ranager of Alabama.

Coach Chuck Noll did an admirable reclamation job on his running game, using two rejects as starters. Ex-Giant John Fuqua gained 691 yards, scored seven touchdowns and averaged 5 yards a tote. Ex-Colt Preston Pearson got 503 yards.

Noll isn't kidding himself about the condition of that area, however. He traded tight end J.R. Wilburn to San Diego for Brad Hubbert, who had one big year for the Chargers. He also took a stab at Delaware State's Steve Davis, who could be one of the surprises of the college draft.

Warren Bankston might transfer his talents from fullback to tight end. The only serious challengers for Hughes now are taxi-squad graduate Ara Person and Larry Brown of Kansas, the fifth draft choice.

The offensive line is suspect.

Center Ray Mansfield is really the only solid man. Mike Hag-

erty and John Brown were the starting tackles, but no one would be surprised if they lost their status to Jon Kolb, Rick Sharp or rookie Worthy McClure of Mississippi. The same goes for guards Bruce Van Dyke and Sam Davis, challenged by Ralph Wenzel and rookie Mel Holmes of North Carolina A&T.

There is some hope that guard Larry Gagner, injured in an automobile accident last year, might be able to resume his football career.

Most of what the Steelers accomplished last year was due to their defense. The unit is worthy of a contender.

Best-fortified area is the defensive line. Joe Greene, likely the best defensive left tackle in the AFC, stifles the ground game and provides a superior interior rush. Unfortunately his notoriety overshadows the work of Chuck Hinton, another fine tackle.

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RON SHANKLIN, wide receiver, led Steelers with 30 catches for four TDs.

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the NFL's most underrated players. Noll keeps the troops fresh by substituting—particularly with L. C. Greenwood, who could win a starting job this year.

Andy Russell won a trip to the Pro Bowl last year and was a popular All Conference choice. He's extremely intelligent and especially sound on pass coverage. The big surprise was middle man Chuck Allen. The Steelers gambled by trading Ray May to Baltimore, but Allen protected the investment by having his finest season since his peak years with San Diego. He's a leader, but at age 31 there may be fewer surprises.

Henry Davis, the ex-Giant, beat off Jerry Hillebrand to win the other outside post last year. This time he may be harder pressed. The Steelers' No. 2 draft choice was Jack Ham, a popular All-America choice at Penn State.

Pitt gambled on another rookie linebacker, Mike Anderson of LSU. He was widely admired by pro scouts, but his injured knees made him a big risk on draft day.

LEE CALLAND, cornerback, ranked 4th in AFC with bag of seven interceptions.



In the secondary, where there has been a 100 per cent turnover since Noll arrived two years ago, more changes are possible. Five of the 22 draft picks were defensive backs.

Ex-Packer John Rowser won a starting corner job and ex-Viking Lee Calland filled the post opposite. Mel Blount may challenge either in his sophomore year.

Strong safety might be the best protected spot, with vicious-tackling Chuck Beatty backed up by experienced Kenny Graham, who once starred for the Chargers. Ocie Austin, the ex-Colt, comes back from achilles tendon surgery. Clarence Oliver and rookie Ralph Anderson, a No. 5 pick from West Texas State, are ready to step in if he falters.

Scot Al Watson stepped in at mid-season to take the place-kicking job of departed Gene Mingo. But Watson's 5-for-10 record in field goals and 7-9 in extra points wasn't too inspiring. Paul Rogers, who kicked for National champion Nebraska, heads a field of four rookie challengers.

The Steelers are better protected in other specialties.

Bobby Walden is one of the finest punters in the game. He averaged 45.2 on 75 kicks.

Blount averaged 29.7 on kickoff returns and Pearson was an NFL champion in that category when he played for Baltimore. Staggers is threatening with a punt in his hands.



#### STEELERS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
85	Adams, Bob	TE	6-2	225	25	3	Pacific
58	Allen, Chuck	LB	6-0	227	32	12	Washington
71	Arndt, Dick	DT	6-5	265	27	5	Idaho
28	Austin, Ocie	S	6-3	200	24	4	Utah St.
46	Bankston, W.	RB	6-4	230	24	3	Tulane
29	Barry, Fred	CB	5-10	184	23	2	Boston U.
37	Beatty, Chuck	S	6-2	199	24	3	N. Tex. St.
20	Bleier, Rocky	RB	5-11	205	23	3	Notre Dame
47	Blount, Mel	CB	6-3	205	23	2	Southern
12	Bradshaw, Terry	QB	6-3	218	23	2	La. Tech
74	Brown, John	T	6-2	250	32	10	Syracuse
32	Bryant, Hubie	WR	5-10	175	25	2	Minnesota
44	Calland, Lee	CB	6-0	190	30	9	Louisville
30	Cole, Terry	RB	6-1	220	26	4	Indiana
53	Davis, Henry	LB	6-3	235	28	4	Grambling
57	Davis, Sam	G	6-1	255	27	5	Allen
54	Fisher, Doug	LB	6-1	225	24	3	San Diego
33	Fuqua, John	RB	5-11	200	25	3	Morgan St.
79	Gagner, Larry	G	6-2	275	27	5	Florida
24	Graham, Ken	S	6-0	205	29	8	Wash. St.
75	Greene, Joe	DT	6-4	280	24	3	N. Tex. St.
68	Greenwood, L.C.	DE	6-5	240	25	3	Ark. AM&N
76	Haggerty, Mike	T	6-4	250	25	5	Miami (Fla.)
5	Hanratty, Terry	QB	6-1	210	23	3	Notre Dame
69	Hilebrand, Jerry	LB	6-3	230	31	9	Colorado
64	Hinton, Chuck	DT	6-5	264	32	8	N.C. Col.
7	Hubbert, Brad	RB	6-1	240	30	5	Arizona
82	Hughes, Dennis	TE	6-1	220	23	2	Georgia
84	Kalina, Dave	WR	6-3	205	24	2	Miami (Fla.)
55	Kolb, Jon	T-C	6-2	262	24	3	Oklahoma St.
56	Mansfield, Ray	C	6-3	255	30	9	Washington
60	McGee, Ben	DE	6-3	260	32	8	Jackson St.
27	Oliver, Clarence	DB	6-1	180	23	3	San Diego
26	Pearson, Pres.	RB	6-1	190	26	5	Illinois
48	Rowser, John	CB	6-1	185	27	5	Michigan
34	Russell, Andy	LB	6-2	225	29	7	Missouri
25	Shanklin, Ron	WR	6-1	180	23	2	N. Tex. St.
73	Shard, Rick	T	6-3	262	23	2	Washington
88	Smith, Dave	WR	6-2	205	24	2	Ind. St. (Pa.)
49	Sodaski, John	S	6-1	197	23	2	Villanova
2	Staggers, Jon	WR	5-10	186	22	2	Missouri
61	Stenger, Brian	LB	6-4	228	24	3	Notre Dame
66	Van Dyke, Bruce	G	6-2	256	27	6	Missouri
65	Voss, Lloyd	DE	6-4	255	28	8	Nebraska
39	Walden, Bobby	P	6-0	212	33	8	Georgia
67	Washington, C.	DT	6-3	269	24	3	Ark. AM&N
14	Watson, Al	P-K	5-10	165	28	2	Newport
62	Wenzel, Ralph	G	6-2	252	28	5	San Diego

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Anderson, Mike	LB	6-2	220	22	La. State
Anderson, Ralph	DB	6-2	180	22	W. Tex. St.
Askin, Burt	LB	6-3	220	25	Tex. So'ern
Bell, Harold	T-G	6-4	275	22	Morgan St.
Brister, Fred	LB	6-2	220	22	Mississippi
Brown, Gerald	DE	6-4	248	24	Miss. Valley
Brown, Larry	TE	6-4	225	22	Kansas
Brungraud, Dave	RB	5-10	200	23	Alabama
Bumpas, Dick	DT	6-2	230	21	Arkansas
Clack, Jim	C	6-3	250	23	Wake Forest
Crowe, Larry	RB	6-1	198	21	Tex. So'ern
Curtis, Dale	P-K	5-9½	195	24	U.S. Int.
Davis, Steve	RB	5-11½	213	22	Def. State
Edwards, Glen	WR	6-0	185	24	Fla. A&M
Ehle, Dan	RB	6-2	210	24	How. Payne
Evans, McK.	DB	5-11	200	22	N.Mex. H'nds
Felice, Lee	T	6-4	241	23	San Diego
Gibson, George	DB	5-11	187	22	Jackson St.
Glass, Ira	RB	6-0	200	23	Louisville
Guenther, Gary	T-G	6-3	260	22	Boston Col.
Ham, Jack	LB	6-3	220	22	Penn St.
Hanneman, Craig	G	6-3½	237	22	Oregon St.
Holmes, Ernie	DT	6-5	264	23	Tex. So'ern
Holmes, Mel	G	6-3½	251	21	N.C. A&T
Huntley, Walt	DB	6-0	187	22	Trinity
Leahy, Bob	QB	6-2	200	24	Emporia
Lewis, Frank	WR	6-1	196	24	Grambling
Makin, Ray	G	6-2½	250	22	Kentucky
McClure, Worthy	G	6-4	240	22	Mississippi
Mullins, Gerry	TE	6-3	235	22	So'ern Cal.
Nehi, Mike	P	6-0	180	22	Oregon St.
Oliver, Ethan	DB	5-9	175	21	Weber St.
O'Shea, Jim	TE	6-3	240	22	Boston Col.
Person, Ara	TE	6-3	220	22	Morgan St.
Raniger, Geo.	WR	6-1½	200	22	Alabama
Rees, John	WR	6-1	180	22	Arkansas
Robinson, Bill	PK	5-9	185	23	Calif. Luth.
Rogers, Paul	PK	5-10	187	22	Nebraska
Spagnola, Joe	QB	6-1	180	23	Ariz. St.
Thompson, Olan	RB	5-10	198	23	W. Tex. St.
Wagner, Mike	DB	6-1½	196	22	W. Illinois
Washington, D.	RB	5-11	192	22	Tex. A&I
Weston, Lloyd	LB	6-1½	240	23	Pitt
White, Dwight	DE	6-4	250	22	E. Tex. St.
Williams, Bob	LB	6-3	230	23	Grambling
Wright, Bill	WR-TE	6-5	225	23	Memphis St.
Ungerer, D.	P-PK	5-0	200	21	Adams St.
Young, Al	WR	6-1	195	22	S.C. State

JOHN FUQUA (left) led team in rushing with 138 carries for 691 yards and scoring with 54 points on seven touchdown runs and two via passes.



BOBBY WALDEN ranked 2d in AFC via 45.2 average on 75 punts, one 66 yds.

#### 1970 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING	Fuqua, 54 points on 7 TD runs, 2 Pass TDs	14th
RUSHING	Fuqua, 138 carries for 691 yds., 5.0 Avg., 7 TDs	5th
PASSING	Hanratty, 64 in 163 attempts for 842 yds., 5 TDs	14th
RECEIVING	Shanklin, 30 for 691 yds., 4 TDs	27th
INTERCEPTIONS	Calland, 7 for 38 yds., 5.4 Avg.	4th
PUNTING	Walden, 75 punts, 45.2 Avg., longest 66 yds.	2nd
PUNT RETURNS	Bryant, 37 for 159 yds., 4.3 Avg.	16th
KICKOFF RETURNS	Blount, 18 for 535 yds., 29.7 Avg.	3rd

#### Pre-season Games

Aug.	14 AT Green Bay	
	23 AT Cincinnati	
	28 MINNESOTA	
Sept.	4 N.Y. Jets, Cleveland, O. (N)	
	12 AT N.Y. Giants	

1971 SCHEDULE	1970 Scores
Sept. 19 AT Chicago	—
26 CINCINNATI	21-10
Oct. 3 SAN DIEGO	—
10 AT Cleveland	7-15
18 AT Kansas City (N)	14-31
24 HOUSTON	7-19
31 AT Baltimore	—
Nov. 7 CLEVELAND	28-9
14 AT Miami	—
21 N.Y. GIANTS	—
28 DENVER	13-16
Dec. 5 AT Houston	7-3
12 AT Cincinnati	7-34
19 LOS ANGELES	—

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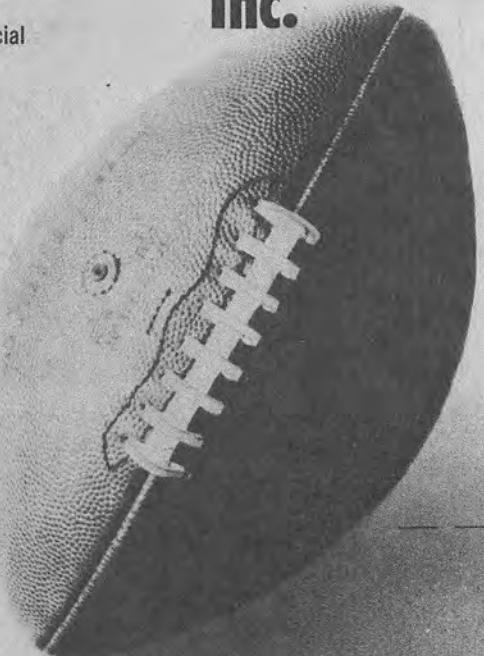
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# HOUSTON OILERS

## PREDICTION—4th

The Houston Oilers discovered in 1970 that senators and congressmen aren't the only folks hamstrung by lame-duck years.

Wally Lemm, the Oilers' coach, told his front office before last season that the '70 season would be his last as head coach. The news, inevitably, seeped down to the troops, even before Lemm made it official after an embarrassing loss to his old team, the St. Louis Cardinals.

It might have been coincidental but the Oilers seemed to approach the season with alarming disinterest. It was an unfortunate year for such an attitude, since Cleveland sagged violently, Pitts-

burgh was rebuilding and Cincinnati, the eventual Central Division champion, was bogged down with a six-game losing streak at mid-season.

The Central still seems to be anyone's pie. To try for a much larger slice of it, owner Bud Adams brought in one of pro football's brightest assistant coaches, Ed Hughes, to run the store.

Hughes comes from San Francisco, where he ran the offense, and before that the defense, for his brother-in-law, Dick Nolan.

He knows the terrain, having coached in Denver, Dallas (with the AFL champion Texans of 1962 before they became the Kansas City Chiefs) and then Washington and San Francisco.

**ED HUGHES, Head Coach.**  
Assistants: Walt Schlinkman, Frank Polsfoot, Burnie Miller, George Dickson, Walt Yowarsky, Ernie Zwahlen.

"From what I've seen in films," says Hughes, "The Oilers have better personnel now than the 49ers did when we went to San Francisco in '68."

What the Oilers didn't have a lot of was quarterbacking. The big trade which brought veteran Charley Johnson to Houston sort of fizzled when Johnson suffered a variety of disabling injuries.

His understudies, Jerry Rhome and Bob Naponick, were not the type you build dynasties upon. Understandably, the Oilers went after quarterbacks in the draft.

Their No. 1 pick was the top small-college player of the year, big Dan Pastorini of Santa Clara. The team didn't have a pick in the second round, but when their turn came in Round 3 no one had selected a quarterback since they themselves had picked Pas-



CHARLEY JOHNSON keeps ball and takes off against Denver behind block of JOE DAWKINS. Charley passed for 1652 yards on 281 tries and 7 touchdowns.



JERRY LEVIAS snared 41 passes for 529 yards and five tallies last season.

torini. So they took another passer, Kansas State's Lynn Dickey.

"Why take a lesser person?" reasoned Hughes. "We checked our list and everyone left at the top of the other positions was a lesser player than Dickey. I was amazed he was left when our turn came."

Not that Houston will run a nursery school for QBs.

"Charley Johnson is my No. 1 quarterback," emphasizes Hughes.

Presumably it will be a teacher-pupil relationship, with Johnson tutoring Pastorini and Dickey as he finishes out his career.

When he was healthy, Charley managed to complete 51 per cent of his passes and gain 1652 yards. That standard wasn't maintained when Rhome replaced him.

There will be a better selection of receivers this time. The Oilers made two deals to bring in name receivers. Willie Frazier comes from San Diego in exchange for

a young guard, Doug Wilkerson, who was the Oilers' first draft choice a year ago but a flop in his rookie year. Frazier started his pro career with the Houston club and became an All-AFL tight end. He caught 38 passes for 497 yards and five touchdowns with the Chargers last year.

The rub is that Houston already has a talented tight end, Alvin Reed, who led the team in receiving with 47 catches. But Frazier has enough speed to be played outside. He could be used

to take the pressure off little Jerry LeVias.

LeVias is considered one of the great deep threats in football, but his 41 catches averaged just 12.9 yards in 1970. That just doesn't jibe with his potential. Another big outside possibility is swift Charlie Joiner. Ken Burroughs, acquired from New Orleans, will get a shot too.

Burroughs was the first receiver taken in the 1969 draft, when the Saints nominated him in the first round. He didn't thrive as a rookie in New Orleans, but the



ALVIN REED, 4th in AFC receiving, had 47 catches for 604 yards, 2 tallies.

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expectation is that he will in Houston, where he played as a collegian at Texas Southern.

Also available are ex-starters, Jim Bierne and Mac Haik.

Burrough and Dave Rowe, a defensive tackle, cost the Oilers their best power runner Hoyle Granger. Granger was hurt most of last year, so rookie Joe Dawkins got his chance and did surprisingly well. He gained 517 yards and averaged 4.2 yards a crack. Other seasoned backs include Roy Hopkins, Woody Campbell and Mike Richardson.

The Oilers picked Grambling's Willie Armstrong on the fifth round of the draft. A year ago Armstrong was considered a sure first-rounder, but he had a slumpy senior year. There's a possibility the swift 230-pounder could connect solidly as a pro.

Spain Musgrove moved from defensive end to offensive tackle to replace Glen Ray Hines who was traded to the Saints. He joins old pro Walt Suggs. Bobby Maples is a capable center.

But there is worry at guard.

Tom Regener tore up a knee and missed the last 11 games. Jerry Sturm was picked up from New Orleans, but he's 34. Sonny Bishop, once a top player, comes back after a year's retirement, but he's 32. Ex-tight end Elbert Drungo is projected as a starter.

The only really quality player on the defensive line is Elvin Bethea, who ranks as one of the best in football in just his fourth pro season. He's quick and strong, but needs more help than he's been getting.

The only addition of note is Rowe, considered a journeyman tackle. Willie Parker has had his moments during a four-year career. Mike Tilleman, obtained from New Orleans will help. Tom Domres is a plunger and Leo Brooks still is an unknown quantity in his second pro season. The other end, Pat Holmes, has slipped considerably. He's 31.

The linebacking is good. It will be excellent if George Webster can lick the after-effects of a knee injury which cost him the last half of the season. At age 26 he has a full career ahead of him

and he's already recognized as an All-Pro.

Ron Pritchard won a starting job as a sophomore and should improve steadily. Garland Boyette brings eight years of experience to the middle linebacking assignment. The reserves are thin, with ex-starter Olen Underwood the best.

Zeke Moore, who had a good season, could become one of the better corners in the NFL. With Leroy Mitchell traded to Denver, Benny Johnson gets a chance to win a regular job in his second

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19	Alexander, W.	C	6-2	195	21	Alcorn A&M
40	Altshouse, B.	DB	5-11	195	21	Rice
30	Armstrong, W.	RB	6-2	230	21	Grambling
69	Barnes, Jim	G	6-4	240	26	Arkansas
59	Croyle, Phil	LB	6-3	220	24	California
10	Dickey, Lynn	WR	6-4	218	21	Kansas St.
31	Fabish, James	DB	5-11	185	24	El Paso
49	Fox, Calvin	LB	6-2	220	23	Mich. St.
67	Hoing, Joe	G	6-3	245	23	Ark. Tech.
27	Holland, James	DB	6-0	180	21	Jackson St.
28	Hopkins, Andy	RB	5-10	187	21	S. F. Austin
45	Howard, Leroy	DB	5-11	175	21	Bishop
25	Hughes, Macon	WR	6-1	200	21	Rice
72	Jackson, Larron	T	6-3	270	21	Missouri
55	Jenkins, Rayford	LB	6-1	220	21	Alcorn A&M
7	Pastorini, Dan	QB	6-3	216	21	Santa Clara
47	Preston, Ronald	RB	6-2	215	23	Washington
80	Rice, Russell	DE	6-5	265	21	No. C. Cent.
82	Reado, John	DT	6-4	278	23	Southern
42	Reynolds, James	RB	5-11	210	21	Quachita
85	Rice, Floyd	TE	6-3	220	21	Acorn A&M
88	Robinson, L.	DE	6-3	248	23	Norfolk St.
57	Svitak, Steve	LB	6-1	235	21	Boise St.
63	Thompson, John	T	6-3	257	21	Minnesota
46	Walsh, Ward	RB	6-0	215	21	Colorado
68	Watson, Larry	T	6-5	255	23	Morgan St.
38	Williams, Terry	RB	6-3	226	24	Grambling



ROY GERELA set Oiler scoring pace with 18 field goals, 23 extra points.

year. Willie Alexander of Alcorn A&M was the sixth draft pick.

John Charles came to the Oilers from Denver, via Minnesota, in the Mitchell deal. He's played the corner, but might figure more prominently as a safety.

Ken Houston may be the fastest strong safety in captivity. At 6-3 and 196 he can handle big tight ends, too. Johnny Peacock inherited the free safety job when W.K. Hicks went to the Jets. Peacock still has a lot of rough edges to be smoothed out.

Roy Gerela's 18-for-32 field goal performance wasn't great, but Hughes is inclined to stick with him rather than try Pastorini at the specialty. Gerela, a soccer-stylist, is entering his third season.

Spike Jones' punting averaged 42.4 for 84 kicks, but Pastorini likely will get an audition there.

LeVias' punt returning slipped and none of the Houston kickoff returners ranked among the AFC's top 10, so there may be competition there.



TOM DEMRES, vet defensive tackle, is rated as tough man to run against.



ELVIN BETHEA, defensive end, is tops on team at dumping foes trying to pass.



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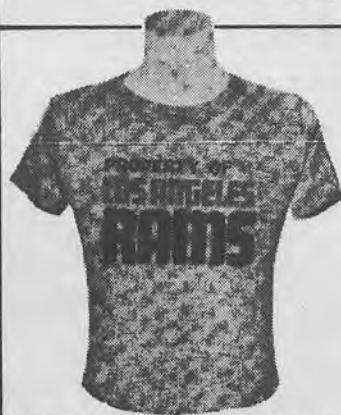
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# KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

## PREDICTION—1st

We must go on the attack . . . we must constantly be on the attack . . . we will be on the attack."

Some of the dialogue from "Patton?"

A quote from Gen. Creighton Abrams on the latest Vietnam plan?

Sen. Muskie's political strategy?

No, just a memo from Hank Stram, coach of the Kansas City Chiefs on his goals for 1971.

Last year the Chiefs lost their World championship through one of the oddest bits of self-restraint in recent football history. This enormously talented team scored just 24 touchdowns by rushing

and passing. That's less than two a game. It finished 12th in the 13-team American Conference in offense. In eight of 14 games it scored less than 20 points, suffering through two contests without a touchdown.

Teams like Denver and San Diego beat them.

It seemed impossible for a team which looked so strong in overpowering the Minnesota Vikings in the Super Bowl the January before could slip to a 7-5-2 record. But it happened.

The word this year is firepower. Offensive firepower.

Getting the Chiefs to use it is another thing. Len Dawson seemed to shed his reputation as an over-cautious quarterback in the '70 Super Bowl, but it hung

**"HANK" STRAM**, Head Coach. Assistants: Bill Walsh, Pete Brewster, Tom Pratt, Tom Bettis, Tommy O'Boyle, Alvin Roy and John Beake.

over him again last year with good reason.

At age 36, Dawson should have a season or two of good football remaining. He completed 54 per cent of his passes last year for an unimposing 1876 yards and 13 touchdown passes. But he gets good protection and still unleashes the occasional long ball.

Stram has to get Dawson to open up if the Chiefs are to regain the playoffs, much less the Super Bowl. The bright spot in KC's 1970 record, a 44-24 bombing of the World champion Colts, is an indication it can be done and that Dawson can do it.

The Chiefs are in a position to get off to a fast start. Their first six games are on the cushy side.

ED PODOLAK eludes Oilers' Johnny Peacock on scoring drive. Ed led KC runners with 749 yards on 168 tries. Had 3 TDs.



It isn't until the last half that they see Oakland, the New York Jets, Cleveland, the Detroit Lions and the San Francisco 49ers.

Stram made two off-season moves to inject some new flavor into the offense. One was drafting the University of Houston's flashy pass receiver, Elmo Wright, on the first round. Wright has special skills. The only doubt about him was surgery on his knee after last season.

The other move was a trade with Dallas which sent KC starter Gloster Richardson to the Cowboys for Dennis Homan, once a No. 1 draft choice with the Pokes but little more than a reserve since then. Stram was willing to gamble by swapping Richardson's inconsistency for Homan's potential.

The hope is that either Wright or Homan can attract enough coverage to help spring Otis Taylor on the other side. Taylor is one of the game's great pass catchers when he's right.

Last year Taylor caught 34 passes for an 18.2 average and got into the end zone just three times. That's measly stuff for a receiver with his talents. He just isn't being used enough.

If things break right for the Chiefs, enemy secondaries will have plenty to worry about when they set their traps to contain the KC tight end. Stram hopes fervently things will break right by Morris Stroud developing well enough to play the position regularly.

Morris is 6-10 and fast. He caught only four passes as a rookie last year but if the rough edges can be filed off there isn't a strong-side safety in Christendom who could cover him one-on-one.

If he doesn't arrive this year, Fred Arbanas likely would start again if his knee injury is healed. Otherwise Billy Cannon gets the call. If Arbanas is healthy, Cannon isn't likely to stay in KC long.

The biggest offensive thrust last year was Ed Podolak, who rushed for 749 yards in his second pro year and first as a starting back. He also returned punts at a 13.5-yard average and kick-offs for 20.5, which made him a



LEN DAWSON, KC quarterback, consults with coach HANK STRAM. In his 15th season, Len passed for 1876 yards on 141 of 262 attempts, produced 13 TDs.

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JON STENERUD kicks off for Chiefs and led AFC scoring with 116 points.

most valuable fellow.

Wendell Hayes and Robert Holmes should see-saw the full-back battle, but there's a chance Jim Otis, the ex-Ohio State star acquired from New Orleans, could muscle into the act. Podolak is backed up by swift Warren McVea and now squat Mike Adamle brings strong credentials from Northwestern into the fight.

The line is one of the most experienced and biggest in pro football. Tackle Jim Tyrer has been a starter for 10 seasons, tackle David Hill for eight, guard Ed. Budde for eight and guard Mo Moorman for three. None of the quartet is under 6-5 and Moorman is the "lightweight" at 252 pounds.

Jack Rudnay moved ahead of rickety-kneed E.J. Holub at center last year. The reserves, deep in talent, include Holub and two No. 1 draftees, guard George Daney and tackle Sid Smith, plus Remi Prudhomme and a promising rookie tackle from Minnesota, Alvin Hawes.

## STREET AND SMITH'S PRO FOOTBALL

There should be a lot of competition for the backup job behind Dawson. Young Mike Livingston has held it for three seasons, but Stram is high on much-traveled John Huarte, the one-time Heisman Trophy winner from Notre Dame. He also drafted Chuck Hixson, the SMU star.

Defense put the Chiefs in the Super Bowl two years ago and, with one notable exception, that fine unit still is intact.

The exception is defensive end, where Jerry Mays retired

### CHIEFS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs.	College
84	Arbanas, Fred	TE	6-3	245	33	11	Mich. St.
78	Bell, Bobby	LB	6-4	228	31	9	Minnesota
24	Beiser, Ceaser	S	6-0	212	27	4	Ark. A&M
87	Brown, Aaron	DE	6-5	255	27	5	Minnesota
86	Buchanan, Buck	DT	6-7	275	30	9	Grambling
71	Budde, Ed	G	6-5	260	30	9	Mich. St.
80	Cannon, Billy	TE	6-1	215	32	12	La. State
61	Culp, Curley	DT	6-1	265	25	4	Ariz. St.
60	Daney, George	G	6-4	240	24	4	El Paso
16	Dawson, Len	QB	6-0	190	36	15	Purdue
12	Flores, Tom	WB	6-1	200	32	11	U. Pacific
23	Hadley, David	CB	5-9	186	22	1	Alcorn A&M
38	Hayes, Wendell	RB	6-1	220	29	7	Humboldt
73	Hill, Dave	T	6-5	260	30	9	Auburn
1	Hines, Jimmy	WR	6-0	175	25	3	Tex. So.
45	Holmes, Robert	RB	5-9	220	25	4	Southern U.
55	Holub, E. J.	C	6-4	236	33	11	Tex. Tech.
7	Homan, Dennis	WR	6-1	181	25	4	Alabama
85	Houston, Chuck	LB	6-6	240	28	7	Notre Dame
46	Kearney, Jim	S	6-2	205	28	7	Auburn
63	Lanier, Willie	LB	6-1	245	26	5	Pr. View
62	Liggett, Bob	DT	6-2	255	24	1	Nebraska
10	Livingston, Mike	QB	6-4	212	25	4	SMU
51	Lynch, Jim	LB	6-1	235	26	5	Notre Dame
6	McVea, Warren	RB	5-9	182	26	4	Houston
40	Marsalis, James	CB	5-11	194	26	3	Tenn. St.
22	Mitchell, Willie	CB	6-0	185	31	8	Tenn. St.
76	Moorman, Mo	G	6-5	252	24	4	Tex. A&M
50	Oriard, Mike	C	6-4	223	23	1	Notre Dame
25	Pitts, Frank	WR	6-2	199	27	7	Southern U.
14	Podolak, Ed	RB	6-1	204	24	3	Iowa
26	Porter, Lewis	WR	5-11	178	24	1	Southern U.
65	Prudhomme, Remi	G	6-4	250	29	5	LSU
42	Robinson, Johnny	S	6-1	205	32	12	LSU
58	Rudnay, Jack	C	6-3	240	23	1	No'western
20	Sellers, Goldie	S	6-2	198	29	5	Grambling
7	Smith, Sid	T	6-4	260	23	1	USC
66	Stein, Bob	LB	6-2 1/2	235	23	3	Minnesota
3	Stenerud, Jan	K	6-2	187	28	5	Montana St.
88	Stroud, Morris	TE	6-10	265	25	3	Clark
89	Taylor, Otis	WR	6-3	215	29	7	Pr. View
18	Thomas, Emmitt	CB	6-2	192	28	6	Bishop
77	Tyler, Jim	T	6-6	270	32	11	Ohio St.
81	Upshaw, Marvin	DE	6-4	260	24	4	Trinity
54	Werner, Clyde	LB	6-4	225	23	1	Washington
44	Wilson, Jerrel	P	6-4	222	28	9	Sou'ern Miss.

### Pre-season Games

Aug. 7	AT Baltimore (N)	
14	ATLANTA (N)	
21	AT New Orleans (N)	
30	NEW YORK JETS (N)	
Sept. 4	ST. LOUIS (N)	
11	AT Dallas (N)	

### 1971 SCHEDULE

1970 Scores		
Sept. 19	AT San Diego	13-31
26	AT Houston	24-9
Oct. 3	AT Denver	13-26
10	SAN DIEGO	26-14
18	PITTSBURGH (N)	31-14
24	WASHINGTON	—
31	AT Oakland	6-20
Nov. 7	AT N.Y. JETS	—
14	CLEVELAND	—
21	DENVER	16-0
25	AT Detroit	—
Dec. 6	AT San Francisco	—
12	OAKLAND	17-17
19	BUFFALO	—

### ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Adamle, Mike	RB	5-9	197	21		Nor'western
Allen, Jerry	WR	6-2	189	25		Alabama St.
Allen, Nathaniel	CB	5-10	170	21		Tex. So'ern
Allison, Bill	RB	5-11	222	23		E. Tex. St.
Armstrong, R.	DE	6-1	202	24		N.C. A&T
Bergey, Bruce	DE	6-4	240	24		UCLA
Blancus, Arnold	RB	6-0	205	25		Montana
Dawkins, Richard	TE	6-4	235	23		J. C. Smith
Esposito, Tony	WR	6-1	232	21		Pittsburgh
Gosnell, Doug	DT	6-4	250	25		Utah St.
Hansen, Holger	T	6-4	245	23		Utah St.
Hawes, Alvin	T	6-4	250	22		Minnesota
Hews, Robert	DE	6-5	240	23		Princeton
Hixson, Chuck	QB	6-2	202	23		SMU
Ingles, Guy	WR	5-9	165	22		Nebraska
Ivy, Lloyd	S	5-10	195	21		Alabama St.
Jankowski, B.	WR	5-11	185	21		Ohio St.
Jansomius, Darrel	G	6-3	267	22		Iowa St.
Lewis, Scott	DE	6-6	260	21		Grambling
Montgomery, M.	CB	6-1	195	21		S.W. Tex. St.
Reardon, Kerry	CB	5-11	180	22		Iowa
Robinson, Dave	TE	6-5	220	22		Jacksonville
Sensibaugh, M.	S	5-11	192	21		Ohio St.
Stevens, Marcus	DE	6-4	225	25		Ark. A&M
Stevenson, M.	TE	6-5	225	22		El Paso
Telander, Rick	S	6-1	191	21		Nor'western
White, Jeff	P	5-11	188	23		El Paso
Wright, Elmo	WR	6-0	203	21		Houston
Young, Wilbur	DT	6-6	305	21		Wm. Penn

after 10 pro seasons. A spectacular hustler, Mays was voted to the all-time American League team. The heir-apparent is Marvin Upshaw, who flopped at Cleveland after the Browns made him their No. 1 pick a few years ago.

Aaron Brown, who had an up-and-down year, is the other end. The tackles are extremely strong, with Buck Buchanan on one side and Curley Culp on the other.

The Chiefs had two second-round draft choices and used both to select defensive linemen. The first is a risk, a 305-pound tackle from obscure William Penn named Wilbur Young. He has been bothered by ankle trouble. The other is Scott Lewis, a 6-6, 260-pounder from Grambling. He has a reputation as a pursuing defensive end.

The linebacking is among the best in football. Middle man Willie Lanier rates with Dick Butkus, Mike Curtis, Tommy Nobis and Mike Lucci in the game's Big . Bobby Bell is an almost automatic All-Pro pick on the outside. Jim Lynch, the other outside man, is outstanding.

The backups are bright, too. They include last year's No. 2 draftee, Clyde Werner, Bob Stein and Chuck Hurston.

In two seasons Jim Marsalis established himself among the best corner backs. Emmitt Thomas, the other corner, is a good one. Rookie Kerry Reardon and sophomore David Hadley are the backups.

Free safety Johnny Robinson, a Chief original, led pro football

OTIS TAYLOR had 34 receptions for 618 big yards and trio of touchdowns.

in interceptions with 10, giving lie to his 32 years. Strong safety Jim Kearney does a competent job. Ex-corner Willie Mitchell understudies Robinson and Goldie Sellers, who missed last season due to a thigh injury, backs up Kearney.

Place-kicker Jan Stenerud is peerless. He banged home 30 field goals last year. His kickoffs are near unreturnable.

Punter Jerry Wilson averaged 44.9 yards on 76 punts and Holmes did a 28.2 job on kickoff returns.



JOHNNY ROBINSON, vet Chief, paced pro grid in interceptions with ten.

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# OAKLAND RAIDERS

## PREDICTION—2nd

Consider the Oakland Raiders' portfolio of assets and you wonder why the doomsayers are prophesizing their decline and fall.

Only three teams ever won four consecutive division championships in the NFL. One was in the sport's medieval period, the Chicago Bears of 1940-43. Another was in the early renaissance, the Cleveland Browns of 1950-55. The only one in "modern times," are the current Raiders, who perched atop one of the strongest of pro teams, the Kansas City Chiefs, for the last four seasons.

No team has a better won-lost record in the regular season for the last four years—46-7-3.

And the stars. The Raiders are loaded with stars. Seven of them were selected to play for the American Conference on the new-format Pro Bowl last January.

But still....

The doomsayers point to some impressive cracks in the team's foundation.

There is evidence that considerable bickering takes place in the inner sanctum.

And all those unhappy endings . . . the Super Bowl loss to Green Bay four years ago . . . The upset loss to the Jets in the AFL final three years ago. . . . The upset loss to runnerup Kansas City in the playoffs of 1969.

And then, last year, the cave-in at Baltimore, which allowed a newcomer to participate in the fifth Super Bowl in place of one of the old AFL clubs.

A lot of the disenchantment involves Daryle Lamonica, who had been considered one of the great quarterbacks in football up to last year. Then the opposition started getting deep conscious against Lamonica, conceding short and medium passes to him in order to prevent the demoralizing long score for which he was famous.

But instead of taking what was conceded, Lamonica often threw deep anyways. It was no accident that George Blanda, the venerable backup quarterback, saved so many games. Lamonica was yanked often in favor of the 43-year-old graybeard.

Daryle's statistics still remained respectable—2516 yards gained passing with 22 touchdowns. His interception percentage even sunk to the lowest point of his career, 4.2. But his frequent departure from the lineup prompted whispers that there was a general lack of confidence in him among his coaches.

The Raiders speak glowingly of their young protege, lefthander Ken Stabler. It would not be shocking if Lamonica was lifted even more frequently in 1971—with Stabler the relief pitcher more frequently than Blanda.

Still, the possibility exists that Lamonica, if he lowered his passing sights, could approach his

**JOHN MADDEN, Head Coach**  
*Asisstants: Ollie Spencer, Tom Dahms, John Poloncheck, Bob Zeman, Mike Holovak, Ray Malavasi.*

1969 performance when he pitched 34 touchdowns.

But it seems improbable that the "Cinderella Man," Blanda, can duplicate the type of magic he performed in '70.

In five successive games he snatched victory from the jaws of defeat.

He relieved the injured Lamonica to throw two touchdown passes in the 31-14 victory over Pittsburgh; the following week he kicked a 48-yard field goal to tie Kansas City 17-17 with three seconds to play; next he beat Cleveland, 23-20, with a 52-yard field goal in the last three seconds; the week after that he engineered a touchdown drive in the last four minutes to beat Denver, 24-19; then he field-goaled San Diego into defeat, 20-17, with four seconds remaining.

"I just keep playing so the fans over 40 have something to cheer about," he kids.

The other big problem for the



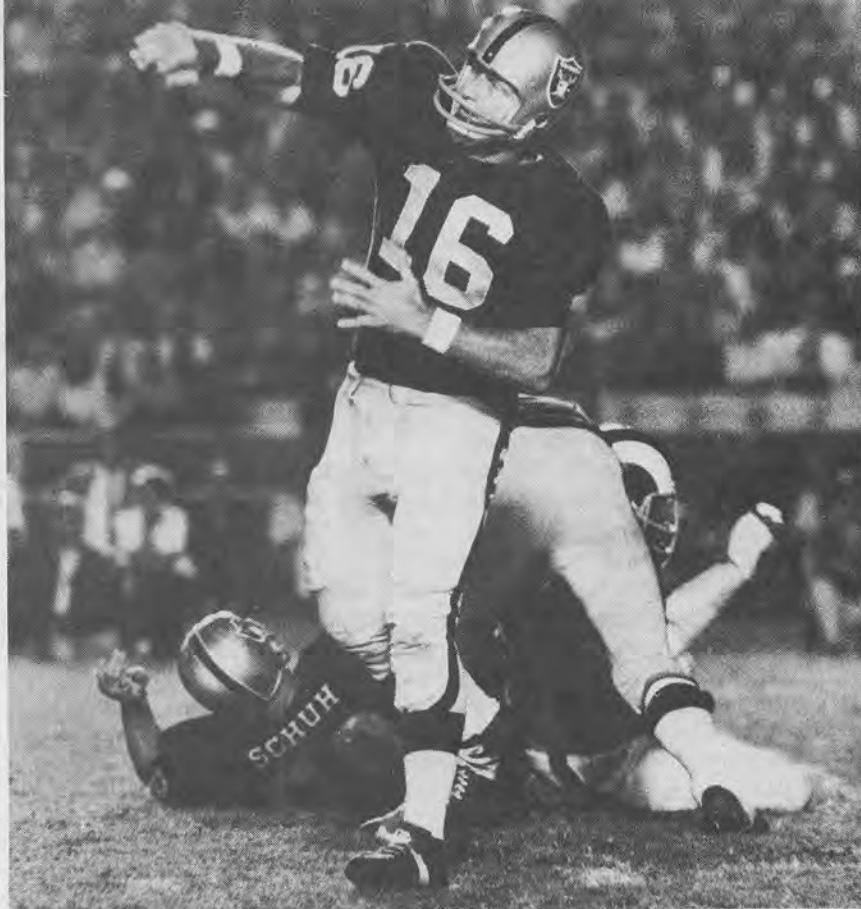
DARRYL LAMONICA, Oakland quarterback, hands off to running back PETE BANASZAK. Darryl topped AFC in passing with 179 completions for 2516 yards.

Raiders is their defense.

Physically the team seems to be lacking down the middle. Dave Grayson, the free safety retired, then signed with San Diego. There was some dissatisfaction with Dan Conners as middle linebacker despite his ability to come up with big plays. The Oakland people even grumbled that Tom Keating, who plays the important position opposite the center in the odd-man defenses, wasn't the tackle he was a few years ago.

Strategically there was a lot of second guessing. Grayson blasted the defensive game plans for their predictability. Richie McCabe, an assistant coach in charge of the secondary, was even stronger in his criticism. Sid Hall, the linebacker coach, defected to the Rams.

There is some debate whether all the criticism was merited, but the Raider defense did look exceedingly soggy and sadly predictable in the championship



GEORGE BLANDA, Oakland's 43-year-old quarterback, scored 84 points on 16 field goals and 36 extra points. He also passed for six touchdowns in 1970.

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game loss at Baltimore.

There is nagging doubt about who should succeed Grayson. One school of thought is that George Atkinson, who had his problems at strong safety, should move over. But it's likely the spot will be occupied by the No. 1 draft choice, Ohio State's ferocious monster man, Jack Tatum.

Connors has held off his chief competitor in the middle, Bill Budness, for a half-dozen seasons and there is no reason to believe he can't do it again. A dark horse is Bill Enyart, the big fullback acquired in a trade with Buffalo. Enyart will be converted to middle backer, a position he played with distinction as a sophomore at Oregon State.

Keating likely will keep his job. Even at 80 per cent efficiency he's better than most of the other Raider forwards. Carlton Oats, the other tackle, is a journeyman. Al Dotson and Art Thoms have given no previous indication they can move him out. End Ben Davidson will be 31 and Tony Cline, who gained a fair reputation as pass rusher in his rookie year, still needs more polish.

The Raiders drafted two out-



JACK TATUM, rookie from Ohio State, was twice voted All-America defender.

side linebackers within the first six rounds. No. 2 was Phil Villa-piano of Bowling Green and the sixth-round choice was used to take Southern California's All-America, Greg Slough. They'll press Gus Otto and Bill Laskey. The sleeper is sophomore Gerald Irons.

Corner is well protected with All-Pros Willie Brown, and Bob Brown, from the Rams in a trade for Kent McCoughan. Veterans Nemiah Wilson and Jim Warren are also available.

Warren Wells, who caught 34 touchdown passes in the last three seasons, is a very large

question mark. He faces tougher opposition in criminal court than he did on the football field.

The Raiders will have Fred Biletnikoff (45 catches and seven touchdowns) and sophomore tight end Raymond Chester (42 catches, 7 touchdowns). An adequate replacement for Wells may be found between Rod Sherman (18 catches) and speedy mystery man Drew Buie, but still it's almost impossible to completely cover up a 34-touchdown vacancy.

Oakland's ground game, definitely second fiddle to the passing attack, will function smoothly again if much-injured Hewritt Dixon can have another good year. But Hewritt, who gained 861 yards last year, is 31. Char-

#### RAIDERS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs.	Pro	College
43	Atkinson, Geo.	DB	6-0	180	24	4	Mor. Brown	
40	Banaszak, Pete	RB	5-11	210	27	6	Miami (Fla.)	
50	Benson, Duane	LB	6-2	215	26	5	Hamline	
25	Biletnikoff, F.	WR	6-1	190	28	7	Florida St.	
16	Blanda, Geo.	QB-K	6-2	215	43	22	Kentucky	
	Brown, Bob	T	6-4½	290	29	8	Nebraska	
24	Brown, Willie	DB	6-1	190	30	9	Grambling	
48	Budness, Bill	LB	6-2	215	28	8	Boston U.	
64	Buehler, George	G	6-2	260	24	3	Stanford	
89	Buie, Drew	WR	6-0	178	24	3	Catawba	
87	Chester, Ray	TE	6-3	220	23	2	Morgan St.	
84	Cline, Tony	DE	6-2	230	23	2	Miami (Fla.)	
55	Connors, Dan	LB	6-1	230	30	8	Miami (Fla.)	
83	Davidson, Ben	DE	6-8	280	31	11	Washington	
10	Dickey, Eldridge	WR	6-2	198	25	7	Tenn. St.	
35	Dixon, Hewritt	RB	6-1	230	31	8	Fla. A&M	
71	Dotson, Al	DT	6-4	260	28	6	Grambling	
11	Eischeid, Mike	K	6-0	190	30	6	Up. Iowa	
46	Enyart, Bill	LB	6-4	235	24	3	Oregon St.	
70	Harvey, Jim	G	6-5	250	28	6	Mississippi	
42	Hightsmith, Don	RB	6-0	200	23	2	Mich. St.	
44	Hubbard, Marv	RB	6-1	215	25	3	Colgate	
86	Irons, Gerald	LB	6-2	230	24	2	Md. State	
74	Keating, Tom	DT	6-2	247	28	7	Michigan	
38	Koy, Ted	TE	6-1	210	23	2	Texas	
3	Lamonica, D.	QB	6-3	215	30	9	Notre Dame	
42	Laskey, Bill	LB	6-3	235	28	6	Michigan	
62	LeMoine, Jim	G	6-2	245	26	4	Utah St.	
37	MacKinnon, J.	TE	6-4	235	32	11	Colgate	
85	Oats, Carleton	DT	6-3	260	29	7	Fla. A&M	
34	Otto, Gus	LB	6-1	220	27	7	Missouri	
00	Otto, Jim	C	6-2	248	33	12	Miami (Fla.)	
78	Shell, Art	T	6-5	255	24	4	Md. State	
13	Sherman, Rod	WR	6-0	190	26	5	So.ern Cal.	
23	Smith, Charlie	RB	6-0	205	25	4	Utah	
12	Stabler, Ken	QB	6-1	194	25	2	Alabama	
76	Svihus, Bob	T	6-4	245	28	7	So.ern Cal.	
80	Thoms, Art	DT	6-5	250	24	3	Syracuse	
33	Thornton, B.	WR	6-0	175	24	7	TCU	
22	Todd, Larry	RB	6-1	185	28	7	Ariz. St.	
63	Upshaw, Gene	G	6-5	255	26	5	Tex. A&I	
20	Warren, Jimmy	DB	5-11	175	32	8	Illinois	
49	Weathers, C.	LB-DB	6-2	220	23	2	San Diego	
81	Wells, Warren	WR	6-1	190	28	6	Tex. So.ern	
26	Wilson, Nemiah	DB	6-0	160	28	7	Grambling	

#### ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
28	Davis, Clarence	RB	5-10	190	22	So. Cal.
39	Garnett, Dave	RB	6-2	215	22	Pittsburgh
52	Giles, Andy	LB	6-3	230	22	Wm. & Mary
69	Gipson, Tim	DT	6-6	290	23	El Paso
21	Hill, Chuck	WR	6-0	175	23	S. Houston
82	Jones, Horace	DE	6-3	240	22	Louisville
56	Koegel, Warren	C	6-3	250	21	Penn St.
45	Martin, Don	DB	5-11	180	21	Yale
88	Moore, Bob	TE	6-3	220	22	Stanford
18	Natzel, Mick	DB	6-1	190	22	Cent. Mich.
72	Oesterling, Tim	DT	6-4	240	23	UCLA
17	Orzulak, Skip	WR	6-2	195	24	Pittsburgh
75	Piston, James	DT	6-3	250	22	So. Carolina
67	Rice, Harold	DE	6-2	230	26	Tenn. St.
53	Slough, Greg	LB	6-3	230	24	So. Cal.
19	Stawarz, Tony	DB	6-0	190	24	Miami (Fla.)
31	Tatum, Jack	DB	5-10	200	22	Ohio St.
41	Villapiano, Phil	LB	6-1	210	22	Bowl. Green
29	West, William	DB	5-10	180	24	Tenn. St.
68	Wynn, Mike	T	6-5	240	24	Nebraska



HEWITT DIXON topped Raider rushers; with 861 yards on 197 shots at rivals.



FRED BILETNIKOFF, wide receiver, led club for 3rd year in row with 45.

ley Smith, much underrated, gained 681 yards.

The reserves include tough Marv Hubbard, who had two 90-yards-plus days in relief of Dixon. Pete Banaszak and Larry Todd are well seasoned subs and sophomore Don Highsmith is a sleeper. In addition the Raiders drafted USC's fine back, Clarence Davis.

The offensive line is among the best around. The one soft spot, left tackle, should be tougher since big Art Shell will have a year of starting experience to his credit.

Center Jim Otto, the perennial All-Star, shows little sign of deterioration at age 33. Guards Gene Upshaw and Jim Harvey are superior. Tackle Kevin Hardy, acquired from the Packers, is a hard knocker. Best subs are Bob Svihus, an ex-starter, and guard George Buehler.

The draft was a good one. In addition to Tatum, Villapiano, Davis and Slough, the Raiders got Penn State center Warren Koegel (No. 3), Stanford's fine tight end Bob Moore (5) and Yale corner Don Martin.

#### 1970 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

<b>SCORING</b> —Blanda, 84 points on 36	6th
XP, 16 field goals	
<b>RUSHING</b> —Dixon, 197 carries for	3rd
861 yds., 4.4 Avg., 1 TD	
<b>PASSING</b> —Lamonica, 179 in 356 attempts for 2516 yds., 22 TDs	1st
<b>RECEIVING</b> —Biletnikoff, 45 receptions for 768 yds., 7 TDs	5th
<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b> —McCloughan, 5 for 5 yds., 1.0 Avg.	15th
<b>PUNTING</b> —Eisched, 79 punts, 35.5 Avg., longest 57 yds.	11th
<b>PUNT RETURNS</b> —Wyatt, 25 for 231 yds., 9.2 Avg., 1 TD	6th
<b>KICKOFF RETURNS</b> —Atkinson, 23 for 574 yds., 25.0 Avg.	8th

#### Pre-season Games

Aug. 9	PHILADELPHIA (N)
14	N.Y. JETS (N)
21	AT L.A. Rams
28	AT Green Bay (N)
Sept. 4	SAN FRANCISCO (N)
11	Baltimore, Jack'sville, Fla. (N)

1971 SCHEDULE	1970 Scores
Sept. 19 AT New England	—
26 AT San Diego	27-27
Oct. 4 AT Cleveland (N)	23-20
10 DENVER	35-23
17 PHILADELPHIA	—
24 CINCINNATI	21-31
31 KANSAS CITY	20-6
Nov. 7 AT New Orleans	—
14 HOUSTON	—
21 SAN DIEGO	20-17
28 BALTIMORE	—
Dec. 5 AT Atlanta	—
12 AT Kansas City	17-17
19 AT Denver	24-19



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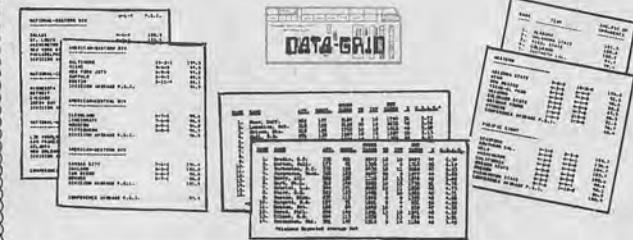


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# SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

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**O**n the surface, Sid Gillman would appear to be a glutton for punishment.

Sid has a cranky ulcer and a football team which is making a career out of finishing third in the Western Division of the American Football Conference.

Five straight seasons the Chargers have trailed Kansas City and Oakland when the firing ceased. In 1969 it was enough to drive Gillman from the sidelines for the first time in his coaching career. He stepped out of the head man's role and concentrated on being a general

manager after his ulcer blindsided him at mid-season.

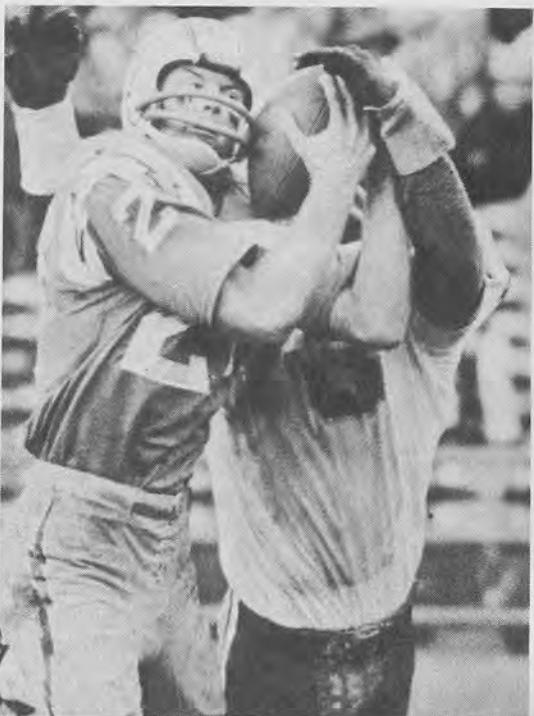
After winning his last four games in '69, Charlie Waller, the new coach, discovered the third-place blues last year. Movie mogul Gene Klein, the club president, inspected the 5-6-3 won-lost record and decided a change had to be made.

Waller was demoted to assistant coach, Gillman reinstated as head coach and Harland Svare, the ex-Ram coach, imported to serve as general manager.

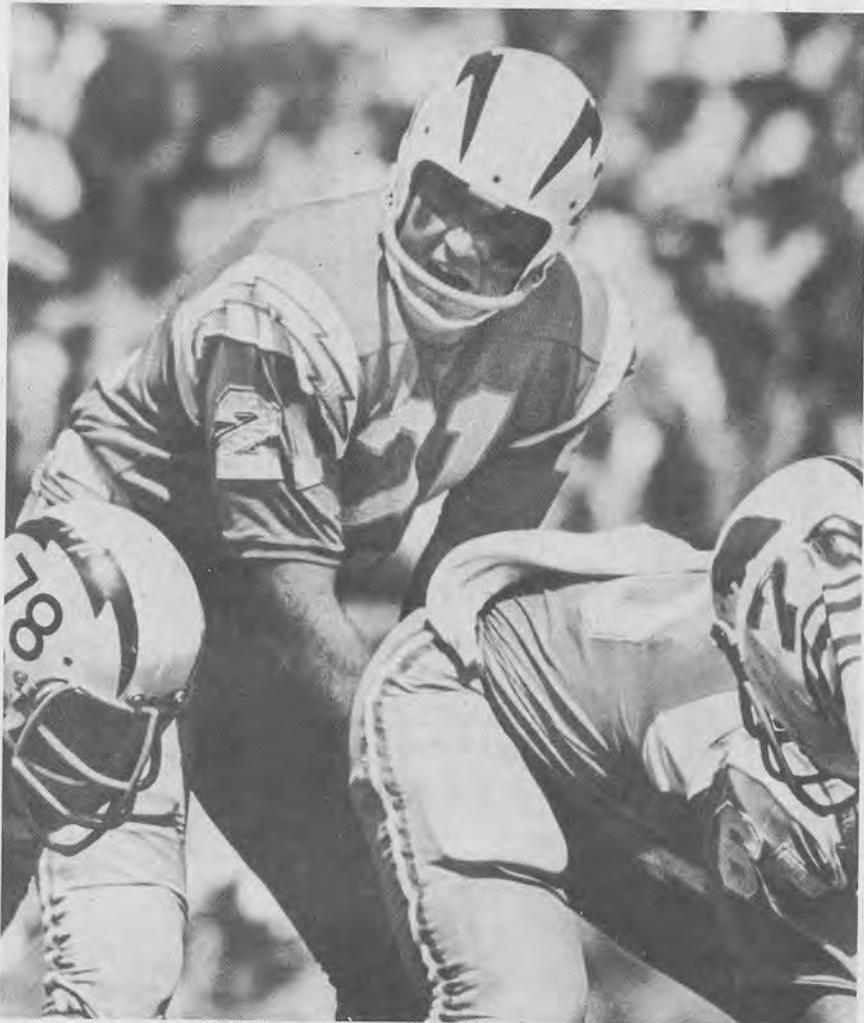
Whether it makes any difference is a moot question.

The team seems to have an even larger dilemma at quarter-

**SID GILLMAN, Head Coach.**  
*Assistants: Joe Madro, O.A. Phillips, Jackie Simpson, Jim Phillips, Charlie Waller, Phil Bengtson, Lamar Lundy.*



**GARY GARRISON** battles Em Thomas of KC for ball. Gary caught 44; 12 TDs.



**JOHN HADL**, No. 2 passer in the AFC, gained more than 2000 yards (2388) for the 7th successive season. Career total of 21,414 yards is 14 on all-time list.

back. John Hadl often impersonates a superb passer when San Diego plays on the road, but when it's at home the catcalls from the grandstand sometimes transform him into a bumbling loser.

Last year at this time, there were those in San Diego who swore young Marty Domres would force Hadl out of a Charger uniform.

The same people now are suggesting Domres will never make it in San Diego, even with Hadl a bit of a question mark after suffering an off-season skull-fracture.

Nevertheless, Hadl remains the big hope for improvement in the standings with Marty still considered by Charger brass as the eventual successor.

They'll have something extra going for them this year—a shored-up running game. The team's No. 1 draft choice was Leon Burns, the amazing Little All-America from Long Beach

State. The heavily-muscled Burns is a mature 28 and could move right into the lineup as starting fullback.

Then there is a healthy Dick Post. When Post is not suffering from aching legs, he's among the most dangerous runners in pro football. Witness 1969, when he led the old American League in rushing. Top that off with a Mike Garrett, free from ideas about chucking his football career for one in baseball, and you have dimension, speed and pretty good power with which to season your passing game.

Biggest news was the trading of Lance Alworth to Dallas for tight end Pettis Norman, offensive tackle Tony Liscio and defensive lineman Rob East.

The consequences of Alworth's departure remain to be seen. Gary Garrison surpassed Lance as a receiver last year but to think that the graceful "Bambi" won't be missed is whistling in the dark by Charger fans. He

might have had financial problems and injuries and thoughts of retirement in the last few years, but when opposing defensive coaches started plotting an antidote for the San Diego offense, Lance occupied a large chunk of their time.

By trading Alworth, Gillman is forcing himself to play Walker Gillette, who was the team's No. 1 draft choice a year ago.

Gary Garrison's average of 22.9 yards for each of his 44 catches was the best in the American Conference. So was his 12 touchdowns. His receptions gained 1006 yards.

Gillette caught only two passes last year, but most of his inactivity was due to the presence of Garrison and Alworth rather than his own shortcomings. The slender hurdler should benefit greatly by increased playing time.

Chuck Dicus, the Arkansas star, has been added and Billy Parks, who quit training camp a year ago, returns for another shot.

The dealing of Frazier to Houston leaves a gaping hole in the passing game. Norman caught only six passes last year. Frazier caught 38. But Pettis is a more enthusiastic blocker and his work could help the ground game function better. Art Strozier, who played briefly last year, should battle J.R. Wilburn, the ex Steeler, for a backup assignment. Wilburn came West in the trade for fullback Brad Hubbert. Another possibility is Mickey McCarty, who fermented for a couple of seasons with the KC taxi squad.

The offensive line, once one of the team's strongest areas, has to be placed in the questionable category. The only established star up front is guard Walter Sweeney, a popular All-Pro.

Russ Washington, a budding super star at tackle, had to be used as a defensive player for a couple of seasons so his progress has been retarded. The other tackle, Terry Owens, will be challenged by Liscio.

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Bill Lenkaitis, who failed to beat out Sam Gruneisen in two previous tries, inherited the center job when Sam was cut adrift in the spring. Lenkaitis was considered an AAA prospect when he came out of Penn State but has been something of a disappointment in the pros. Doug Wilkerson, obtained from Houston in the Willie Frazier trade, is the front runner at the guard opposite Sweeney. Wilkerson was considered a flop with the Oilers, but he has speed and strength and could blossom under the Chargers' veteran line coach, Joe Madro. Ira Gordon and Harris Jones, both inexperienced, press Wilkerson.

There isn't much depth.

Defensively the Chargers have been wanting for the last several seasons. The pass rush is too flabby and the secondary intercepted only five passes last year.

Ironically the team will stick with the status quo in the line. The hope is that end Steve DeLong will give them a year like he did in 1969. The other end, young Joe Owens, led the team in sacking passers with 11. He

came in a trade with New Orleans, where he was a linebacker. Huge Ron Billingsley never lived up to his promise as a No. 1 draftee of a few years ago but he's established as a starting tackle. When Washington shifted to offense last year, Gene Ferguson transferred his 6-8 and 300 pounds to defense. He'll have to beat off the well-traveled journeyman, Andy Rice, and Tom Williams for the other tackle job. Williams was last year's second draft choice.

East is an unknown quantity.

Possibly the most startling thing about the pass defense is that Jim Hill, the free safety, did not intercept a pass. Free safety is supposed to be the centerfielder's position, where most of the steals are accumulated. That's why ex-Raider Dave Grayson was added to the roster. Corner Bob Howard, entering his fifth pro season, is probably the best deep back. Strong safety Jim Tolbert and corner Joe Beauchamp are journeymen.

Linebacking is the best defensive area. Middle man Bob Babich healed well from the knee

injury which delayed his rookie debut in 1969. He could develop into one of the game's better men at the position. Right outside backer Pete Barnes also is a fine player. He led the team in interceptions with three. The other outside man, Jeff Staggs, could be challenged by vets Rick Redman or Bob Bruggers. Jack Protz, who impressed on special teams in his rookie year, backs up Babich in the middle.

Dennis Partee, who set a team record for points and field goals in 1969, was restricted to punting last year because of a leg injury. Much-traveled Mike Mer-

#### CHARGERS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs.	Pro	College
60	Babich, Bob	LB	6-2	230	24	2	Miami (O.)	
59	Barnes, Pete	LB	6-1	247	26	5	Southern	
40	Beauchamp, Joe	CB	6-0	185	27	6	Iowa St.	
86	Billingsley, Ron	DT	6-8	290	26	5	Wyoming	
56	Bruggers, Bob	LB	6-1	224	27	5	Minnesota	
13	Clark, Wayne	QB	5-2	200	24	2	U.S. Int'l	
82	DeLong, Steve	DE	6-2	252	28	7	Tennessee	
35	Detwiler, Chuck	S	6-0	185	24	8	Utah St.	
14	Domes, Marty	QB	6-4	215	24	3	Columbia	
45	Duncan, Leslie	CB	5-10	175	29	8	Jackson St.	
1	East, Ron	DT	6-4	242	28	5	Mont. St.	
49	Eber, Rick	WR	6-0	185	26	4	Tulsa	
79	Ferguson, Gene	DT	6-8	300	23	3	Norfolk St.	
44	Fletcher, Chris	CB	5-11	185	22	2	Temple	
37	Foster, Gene	RB	6-0	220	29	7	Arizona St.	
25	Garrett, Mike	RB	5-9	200	27	6	USC	
27	Garrison, Gary	WR	6-1	193	27	6	San Diego	
84	Gillette, Walker	WR	6-5	198	24	2	Richmond	
69	Gordon, Ira	G	6-3	268	24	2	Kansas St.	
65	Gruneisen, Sam	C	6-1	250	30	10	Villanova	
21	Hadi, John	QB	6-1	218	31	10	Kansas	
39	Hill, Jim	S	6-2	190	24	3	Tex. A&M	
24	Howard, Bob	CB	6-1	190	26	5	S. Diego St.	
20	Koontz, Joe	WR	6-1	195	26	3	S. Fran. St.	
51	Lenkaitis, Bill	G-C	6-4	265	25	3	Penn St.	
	Liscio, Tony	T	6-5	255	31	8	Tulsa	
15	Mercer, Mike	K	6-0	215	35	11	No. Arizona	
	Norman, Pettis	TE	6-3	220	32	10	J.C. Smith	
72	Owens, Joe	DE	6-2	235	24	2	Alcorn A&M	
72	Owens, Terry	T	6-7	275	27	6	Jacksonville	
29	Partee, Dennis	K	6-1	218	25	4	SMU	
22	Post, Dickie	RB	5-9	190	25	5	Houston	
52	Protz, Jack	LB	6-1	218	23	2	Syracuse	
47	Queen, Jeff	RB	6-1	220	25	3	Morgan St.	
65	Redman, Rick	LB	6-0	230	28	7	Washington	
79	Rice, Andy	DT	6-2	268	29	6	Tex. So'ern	
42	Smith, Dave	RB	6-1	210	23	2	Utah	
81	Staggs, Jeff	LB	6-2	246	27	5	S. Diego St.	
89	Strozier, Art	TE	6-2	220	25	2	Kansas St.	
78	Sweeney, Walt	G	6-4	256	30	9	Syracuse	
43	Tolbert, Jim	S	6-3	207	27	6	Lincoln	
27	Washington, Russ	TE	6-2	220	28	4	Missouri	
63	Wilkerson, Doug	G	6-2	245	24	2	S. C. Central	
87	Williams, Tom	DT	6-4	250	23	2	Davis	

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
	Burns, Leon	RB	6-1	223	27	Long Beach
	Montgomery, M.	RB	6-2	202	22	Kansas St.
	Salter, Bryant	CB	6-4	200	21	Pittsburgh
	White, Ray	LB	6-1	225	22	Syracuse
	Asack, Phil	LB	6-3	234	22	Duke
	Mayes, Jake	RB	6-1	227	23	Tenn. St.
	Dicus, Chuck	WR	6-0	172	22	Arkansas
	Van Gorkum, L.	DE	6-0	242	21	S. Diego St.
	Tanner, John	TE	6-4	222	26	Tenn. Tech
	Nowak, Gary	TE	6-5	247	22	Mich. St.
	Pinson, Don	DB	6-0	179	23	Tenn. St.
	Garnett, Wes	CB	5-11	176	23	Utah St.
	Milner, Sammy	WR	6-1	199	23	Miss. St.
	O'Daniel, Ed	DE	6-3	238	24	Tex. So'ern
	Humston, Eric	RB	6-2	218	22	Muskingum
	Foote, Ed	LB	6-2	231	22	Hawaii
	Kell, Chip	C	6-0	243	22	Tennessee

#### FREE AGENTS AND TAXI SQUAD

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
	Cry, Frizzell	DB	5-8	180	24	Wiley
	Duncan, Aubrey	CB	6-1	186	27	Los Angeles
	Eidson, Dale	K	5-10	185	23	S. Fran. St.
	Henke, Karl	LB	6-4	245	26	Tulsa
	Jones, Harris	G	6-4	233	25	J. C. Smith
	Love, Otto	DB	5-7	190	23	Wiley
	McCarthy, Mickey	TE	6-5	250	24	TCU
	Nugent, Bill	RB	5-11	188	23	U.S. Int'l
	Porter, Jack	C	6-4	255	23	Oklahoma
	Svarc, Ron	K	6-2	210	23	Riverside
	Wayman, William	T	6-4	255	23	Santa Clara
	Widmark, Erik	WR	6-2	190	23	U.S. Int'l



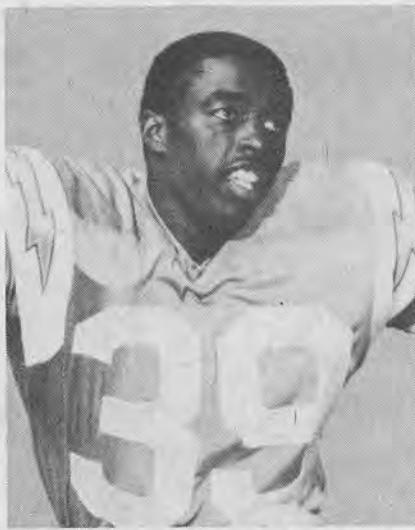
DICKIE POST is dangerous runner in Charger backfield when free from aches.

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26 OAKLAND	27-27
Oct. 3 AT Pittsburgh	—
10 AT Kansas City	14-26
17 AT Denver	17-17
23 BUFFALO (N)	—
31 N.Y. JETS	—
Nov. 7 AT N.Y. Giants	—
15 ST. LOUIS	—
21 AT Oakland	17-20
28 AT Cincinnati	14-17
Dec. 5 MINNESOTA	—
12 DENVER	24-21
19 AT Houston	—

cer did a commendable job place-kicking, with 12 field goals in 19 tries. Partee, healed now, will challenge him.

The draft brought three running backs within the first six picks. Besides Burns the Chargers selected Mike Montgomery of Kansas State and Jake Mayes of Tennessee State. To make room for the newcomers Brad Hubbert was dealt to Pittsburgh for Wilburn and Russ Smith was released. The seasoned competition is Jeff Queen, Gene Foster and Dave Smith.

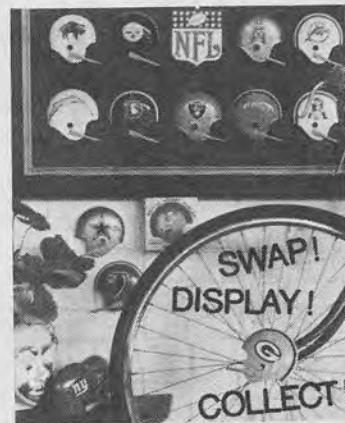
Other notable draftees are corner Bryant Salter of Pitt, Syracuse's jack-of-all-positions, Ray White and Phil Asack of Duke.



JIM HILL, 6-2 and 190, handles free safety chores for San Diego defense.



RON BILLINGSLEY, 290-pound defensive tackle closes in on Rams' qb Gabriel.



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# DENVER BRONCOS

**LOU SABAN, Head Coach.**  
*Assistants: Hunter Enis, Whitey Dovell, Stan Jones, Joel Collier, Jerry Smith.*

## PREDICTION—4th

They were falling like flies before the Denver Broncos early last season. Suddenly it was close to November and the Broncos had won four of their first five. The Denver fans weren't only talking of the first winning record in the team's history, they were whispering division championship!

And just as suddenly it rained on their parade.

There was a four-game losing streak and some more troubled waters and at the end the record read the usual—5-8-1.

This time it may not be that good. The schedule is tougher and the Broncos' 1970 problem, inconsistent quarterbacking, could be more of a problem.

The fellow who did most of the Denver quarterbacking, Pete Liske, was traded to Philadelphia. Liske came down from the Canadian League two years ago, full of possibilities after honing his skills in Calgary where he was league passing champion. His arm was still found wanting in the U.S., however, and the Broncos saw little future in staying with him.

Coach Lou Saban finished last season with one of his former Maryland players, Al Pastrana, at quarterback. Pastrana's 38 per cent completion average and touchdowns - to - interceptions ratio of 1 to 9 are not the sort of things pleasant dreams are built upon.

So Saban, as he often does, went to market for a trade. He talked Green Bay into parting with Don Horn, once the heir-apparent to Bart Starr. Horn has four professional seasons behind him and quarterbacks have been known to blossom right about that stage of their development.

Yet the word on Don was that he had an agonizing amount of trouble reading defenses, that he was no better on the subject in his fourth year than in his first.



DON HORN, quarterback acquired from Green Bay, completed 28 for 428 yards.

You have to wonder why the Packers would let him loose otherwise, especially with Starr's arm in questionable shape and only Zeke Bratkowski, another elderly fellow, in the wings.

Still, Horn closed the 1969 season by piercing the defense-rich St. Louis Cardinals for 410 yards and five touchdowns. That memory lingers on.

Despite Horn's prominence in the Denver picture, Saban would love dearly to talk Steve Tensi out of his retirement plans. Tensi, discouraged by the plague of injuries which have cursed his pro career, decided to chuck it all and return to school for his teaching certificate. Saban, who gave up two No. 1 draft choices to San Diego for the rights to

Tensi when he became Denver coach five years ago, feels Steve may be approaching the peak of his career and the turning point in his physical misfortunes.

If Tensi decides on the classroom, it will be up to Horn almost entirely, although former Heisman Trophy winner Gary Beban was signed for another pro shot, and young Steve Ramsey came in a trade with New Orleans.

Whoever plays quarterback, his No. 1 offensive asset should be running back Floyd Little, who led the American Conference in ground-gaining with 901 yards. Little is an explosive runner who can negotiate the heavy traffic as well as provide the long gain.

Floyd never has benefitted

from a first-rate offensive line, but a couple of new additions could provide more running room for him this year.

Last year's No. 1 draft pick, Bob Anderson, spelled Little capably. Anderson was the team's second-ranked ball carrier with 368 yards and a 4.4-yard average. Willis Crenshaw, still a good blocker, might have seen his best days, though. He averaged just 2.9 yards a trip last year.

The big hope at fullback is Clem Turner, 6-1 and 236, who was acquired from Cincinnati. He's slimmer than he was with the Bengals, which should help.

Finding suitable passing targets might prove thorny. Al Denison made 47 catches but Saban then dealt him to Minnesota.

Mike Haffner and Bill Van Heusen, the remaining veteran wide receivers, are in the journeyman class. Haffner has shaky knees. To upholster the position, Saban made Dwight Harrison of Texas A&I his second draft choice. Harrison can fly. He was

voted "Receiver of the Decade" in the Lone Star Conference.

John Embree and Jerry Hendren also are in the fight for pass-catching employment.

Saban made a sound move in acquiring Jim Whalen from Boston to play tight end last year. He made 36 catches. Billy Masters, who has speed and size, came from Buffalo to back him up.

It's not inconceivable that both offensive tackles could be rookies. Mary Montgomery (6-6 and 255) was this year's first draft choice. John Kohler (6-5 and 270) was the No. 3 pick last year, but decided not to report when he couldn't get a 100 per cent report on his physical report card. They would have to beat out veterans Sam Brunelli, Mike Current and Roger Shoals, who came in a trade with Detroit. Montgomery comes from football-savvy Southern California, but Kohler, a product of South Dakota, likely needs more extensive schooling.



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Another rookie, 6-6 Tom Beard, might cause some trouble for incumbent center Larry Kaminiski. Saban likes big guys in the middle of his offensive line and the Michigan Stater is 6-6 and 260.

Second-year man Steve Alexakos is expected to push George

Goeddeke at guard. Ex-linebacker Mike Schnitker eased past Bob Young, since traded to Houston, at the other guard.

The best fortified area on the team continues to be the defensive line.

Richard Jackson, a quarterback mauler, was a popular All-

Pro pick. He should be at the top of his game in his sixth pro season.

Dave Costa didn't make All-Pro, but any list of the top 10 tackles in pro football which doesn't include him isn't accurate. Paul Smith, who's had experience at end, will start inside, backed up by Jerry Inman. Pete Duranko has the other end spot, but he may be pushed by a tough kid from Yankton State named Lyle Alzado.

The linebacking crew doesn't contain many household words, but there is a lot of experience there and Saban seems satisfied—at least for the moment.

There are big hopes for 6-5 Dave Washington, a diamond-in-the-rough free agent who won a starting job in his rookie year. He has tremendous speed. Carl Cunningham was traded to Detroit for Shoals but Olen Underwood was acquired from the Oilers in exchange for Young. Billy McKoy and Chip Myrtle also have some seasoning.

The team had enough confidence in middle man Fred Forsberg to trade ex-starter John Huard to New Orleans. Ken Critter understudies Forsberg.

Except for corner Bill Thompson, a budding star, it's a mixed bag in the secondary. Thompson was a great punt and kickoff returner as a rookie, but knee surgery cut him down last year. If he comes back healed, he could be an eventual All-Pro.

Ex-Jet Cornell Gordon is the other corner, but he'll be heavily challenged. Randy Montgomery, a flashy rookie who also went down to knee surgery, returns and Saban drafted cornerbacks in the fourth and sixth rounds.

The higher pick was Cleophus Johnson of Alcorn A&M, who did :09.4 in the 100 as a trackman. The other corner is Michigan State's Harold Phillips.

The Broncs traded soccer-styler Bobby Howfield for Jim Turner, who kicked 34 field goals the year the Jets won the World championship. The thin air in Denver won't hurt him.

Bill Van Heusen, scarred by several knee operations, still punted for a 42.9 average on 87 kicks.



RICHARD JACKSON (left), All-Pro defensive end and co-captain DAVE COSTA, are stalwarts on outstanding line that stopped rival quarterbacks 50 times.

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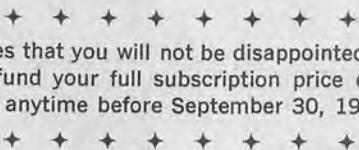
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PETE DURANKO, 6-2, 250-pounder, is tough obstacle to surmount as Bronc end.

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs.	Pro	College
68	Alexakos, Steve	G	6-2	260	24	2	2	San Jose
11	Anderson, Bobby	RB	6-0	208	23	2	2	Colorado
56	Bachman, Jay	C	6-2	250	25	4	4	Cincinnati
73	Barnes, Walt	DE	6-2	250	27	6	6	Nebraska
	Beban, Gary	QB	6-1	195	25	4	4	UCLA
72	Brunelli, Sam	T	6-2	270	28	6	6	Colo. St.
51	Butler, Bill	LB	6-4	226	27	2	2	S. Fernando
63	Costa, Dave	DT	6-1	260	29	9	9	Utah
33	Crenshaw, Willis	RB	6-1	230	30	8	8	Kansas St.
78	Criter, Ken	LB	5-11	223	24	3	3	Wisconsin
74	Current, Mike	T	6-4	274	26	5	5	Ohio St.
88	Denson, Al	WR	6-2	208	29	8	8	Fla. A&M
55	Duranko, Pete	DE	6-2	250	27	5	5	Notre Dame
	Edgerson, B.	CB	5-10	183	32	10	10	West. Ill.
89	Embree, John	WR	6-4	194	27	3	3	Compton
52	Forsberg, Fred	LB	6-1	235	27	3	3	Washington
	Gaiser, George	T	6-4	255	26	3	3	SMU
	Garrett, Drake	DB	5-9	183	25	4	4	Mich. St.
67	Goeddeke, Geo.	G	6-3	253	26	5	5	Notre Dame
28	Gordon, Cornell	CB	6-0	187	30	7	7	N.C. State
	Gehrke, Jack	WR	6-1	180	25	4	4	Utah
20	Greer, Charlie	S	6-0	205	25	4	4	Colorado
84	Haffner, Mike	WR	6-2	205	29	4	4	UCLA
86	Hendren, Jerry	WR	6-2	187	25	2	2	Idaho
	Hohn, Bob	CB	6-0	185	30	7	7	Nebraska
	Horn, Don	QB	6-2	195	26	5	5	San Diego
62	Inman, Jerry	DT	6-2	256	31	6	6	Oregon
87	Jackson, Rich	DE	6-3	255	30	6	6	Southern
43	Jaques, Pete	CB	5-11	182	30	8	8	E. New Mex.
59	Kaminski, Larry	C	6-2	245	26	5	5	Purdue
44	Little, Floyd	RB	5-10	196	29	5	5	Syracuse
22	Lynch, Fran	RB	6-1	205	26	5	5	Hofstra
81	Masters, Billy	TE	6-5	240	27	5	5	LSU
	McKoy, Bill	LB	6-3	235	23	2	2	Purdue
	Mitchell, Al	S-WR	6-4	195	27	4	4	Morgan St.
	Mitchell, Leroy	CB	6-1	195	27	4	4	Tex. So'ern
	Mosier, John	TE	6-3	220	23	2	2	Kansas
54	Myrtle, Chip	LB	6-2	225	26	5	5	Maryland
12	Pastrana, Al	QB	6-1	190	26	3	3	Maryland
	Roberts, Walt	WR	5-9	163	28	7	7	San Jose
26	Salmes, George	S	5-11	188	30	9	9	Mich. St.
64	Schnitker, Mike	G	6-3	245	24	3	3	Colorado
	Schoals, Roger	OT	6-4	260	32	9	9	Maryland
70	Smith, Paul	DT	6-3	256	26	4	4	New Mex.
36	Thompson, Bill	CB	6-1	201	24	3	3	Md. St.
35	Turner, Clem	RB	6-1	236	26	3	3	Cincinnati
	Turner, Jim	K	6-2	205	30	8	8	Utah St.
42	Van Heusen, B.	WR-K	6-1	200	25	4	4	Maryland
	Wade, Bob	CB	6-2	205	26	5	5	Morgan St.
	Wolff, John	CB	5-11	171	25	4	4	Miss. St.
56	Washington, D.	LB	6-5	215	23	2	2	Alcorn A&M
83	Whalen, Jim	TE	6-2	210	28	7	7	Boston Col.
29	Williams, Wandy	RB	6-1	189	25	3	3	Hofstra
60	Young, Bob	G	6-2	256	29	6	6	How. Payne

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Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Adams, Doug	LB	6-0	223	21	Ohio St.
Alzado, Lyle	DE	6-3	252	21	Yankton
Beard, Tom	C	6-6	260	22	Mich. St.
Blackford, Craig	QB	6-3½	220	22	Evansville
Davis, Derek	WR	6-2	198	21	Baylor
Franks, Floyd	WR	6-0	190	22	Mississippi
Geddes, Bob	LB	6-2	240	24	UCLA
Handy, John	LB	6-2½	230	22	Purdue
Harris, Carlis	WR	5-9	170	22	Idaho St.
Harrison, D.	WR	6-1½	178	22	Texas A&I
James, L.	RB	6-2½	215	22	Norfolk St.
Johnson, Cleo	CB	6-2½	215	23	Alcorn A&M
Kohler, John	T	6-5	255	24	So. Dakota
Kraatz, Rich	HB-WR	6-0	215	21	Hillsdale
Lyons, Tommy	C	6-2	228	22	Georgia
Marsh, Ed	K	6-0	185	22	Baylor
Montgomery, M.	OT	6-6	255	23	So. Cal.
Montgomery, R.	CB	5-11	182	23	Weber St.
Myers, Roy	RB	6-3	218	24	N. Tex. St.
Parker, Lloyd	CB	6-2	198	22	Fayetteville
Phillips, Harold	CB	5-1½	192	21	Mich. St.
Pociak, Jim	K	6-1	205	22	DePauw
Roitsch, Roger	DT	6-2½	243	22	Rice
Simcsak, Jack	K-P	6-1	185	23	Va. Tech
Sharpe, Greg	TE	6-4	225	22	Colo. St.
Thompson, Steve	DT	6-3	245	22	Minnesota



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PASSING	Liske, 112 in 238 at-	
tempts for 1340 yds., 7 TDs		13th
RECEIVING	Denson, 47 receptions	
for 646 yds., 2 TDs		3rd
INTERCEPTIONS	Martha, 6 for 99	
yds., 16.5 Avg.		5th
PUNTING	Van Heusen, 87 punts,	
42.9 Avg., longest 64 yds.		6th
PUNT RETURNS	Thompson, 23 for	
233 yds., 10.1 Avg.		4th
KICKOFF RETURNS	Anderson, 21 for	
520 yds., 24.8 Avg.		9th

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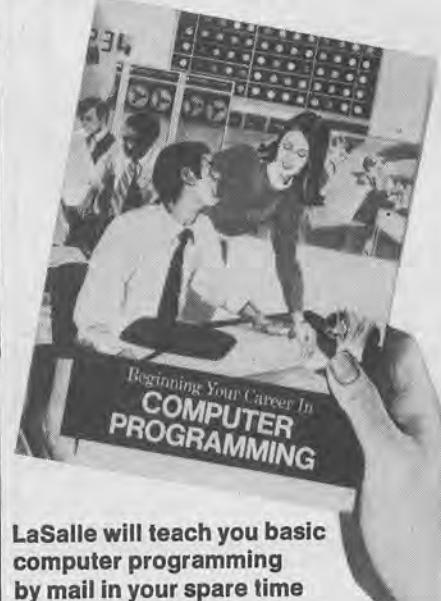
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17	SAN DIEGO	17-17
24	AT Cleveland	13-27
31	AT Philadelphia	—
Nov. 7	DETROIT	—
14	CINCINNATI	—
21	AT Kansas City	0-16
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# Canadian Football League

by Scott Young



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One major trend in Canadian football was sharply reversed months before the 1971 season even began. The net result will be (a) to upgrade championship chances of the Toronto Argonauts; and (b) to strengthen the rest of the CFL by natural personnel fallout from startling new Argo acquisitions.

But one casualty might be the old Love Thy Neighbor policy that is traditional between the NFL and the CFL. How can you love thy neighbor when you suspect he's picking your pockets? Never before in the Canadian

game has a club gone out, as Toronto did, and out-fought various NFL adversaries for the likes of Greg Barton, Joe Theismann and Jim Stillwagon.

In recent years there have been profane mutterings among Canadian GMs when CFL stars played out their options apparently knowing exactly where their next pay checks were coming from—in the NFL.

Joe Kapp went to Minnesota from British Columbia Lions, Bo Scott to Cleveland and Margene Adkins to Dallas from Ottawa Rough Riders. There were many

JOE THEISMANN, 6-0 175-lb quarterback from Notre Dame, joined Argos.

LEON McQUAY, 205-lb swift from U of Tampa, also signed with Argos.



others—Vic Washington, Jake Scott, Peter Liske—as many as five or six, some years. But tampering was always either difficult or impossible to prove. A late-night phone call or a seemingly innocent third-party contact is hard to trace. Also, some of the impetus undoubtedly came from the players themselves: U.S. citizens who tasted stardom in the CFL and then naturally began to wonder how they'd make out in the NFL.

This year's raids in reverse, however, seemed to be on a rising scale of provocation. There wasn't much in the case of Ohio State's great Jim Stillwagon. Even though he was consensus All-America, the coaches' line-man of the year, winner of both the Knute Rockne and Vince Lombardi trophies as top line-man, he was only six feet, 225. Green Bay's plans for him were fairly modest.

But then came Notre Dame's Joe Theismann. Miami Dolphins were so sure they had him that they said he had agreed to terms. There was even a report that he had signed. Theismann did not contradict—until suddenly he signed with Argos for a two-year contract that grossed not much less than \$200,000.

This was quite a capture—a quarterback second only to Jim Plunkett for the Heisman trophy, conductor of the second top offense in the U.S., star of Notre Dame's upset against Texas in the Cotton Bowl.

But Argos had one left: they also signed Greg Barton, who had played out his option with Detroit and (before that) had been traded to Philadelphia for three draft choices. He'd been mainly on the taxi squad with Detroit behind Greg Landry and Bill Munson, but Philadelphia apparently was going to give him a chance at the first-string job. The Eagles promptly filed a tampering charge with NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle. This automatically caused an investigation by commissioner Jake Gaudaur of the CFL. But Toronto wound up with two of the best-rated quarterbacks ever to come to Canada.

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for the 1971 Canadian championship Grey Cup. They missed by not much last year. The management apparently felt that quarterbacking was the main problem. So the acquisition of Theismann and Barton put both Toronto quarterbacks of last year on the block.

Don Jonas went to Winnipeg Blue Bombers, where coach Jim Spavital said he'd probably be first-string. Among the four top quarterbacks in Eastern Canada last year, Jonas's .530 passing percentage was best. His interception rate (25 out of 256 passes) was second best. His Toronto sidekick Tom Wilkinson (Colorado State),—who had a .584 pass-completion percentage, playing fewer games—was traded to BC Lions. There, both coach Eagle Keys (Saskatchewan last year) and GM Jackie Parker (BC coach last year) said they'd always admired Wilkinson with Toronto, and would give him a shot at the first-string job held last year by Paul Brothers.

Lions, fourth in Western Canada last year with spotty quarterbacking, conceivably could win the West this season. If Argos win the East, the confrontation between castoff Wilkinson and new boys Barton and Theismann would be something extra.

Last year's champion Montreal Alouettes undoubtedly will give Argos their hardest run in the East this year, if the poise that quarterback Sonny Wade found at playoff time holds up to go with Alouettes excellent running and catching game.

The big pre-season question marks were Saskatchewan's Roughriders. They finished 14-2 in the West last year but were beaten for the Western championship by third-place Calgary—at least partly because Saskatchewan quarterback Ron Lancaster, chosen the nation's most outstanding player and Schenley award winner, was playing with a sore arm.

League attendance will be close to 1970's 2,000,000, counting pre-season, regular schedule and playoff games. The championship Grey Cup game had a television audience of nearly 7,000,000, one third of the na-

tion's population.

Rule changes this year are mainly technical: a kicked ball that hits the goalposts and rebounds to the playing field is ruled dead; the quarterback will be hit with an illegal procedure five-yard penalty if the referee decides his actions are designed to draw the opposition offside. The CFL's three downs remain, as well as 12-man teams, and the larger field: 110 by 65, with 25 yard end zones.

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

**TORONTO**—In the city where hope springs eternal (but the last national championship was 1952) fans are used to being No. 1 in May but up the track in November. To beat this dubious tradition, the most successful coach in Toronto's last 20 years, Leo Cahill, went on the hunt last winter as never before. The elastic was off the bankroll for a club that had nothing but sellouts (33,135) last season.

On offense, Greg Barton and Joe Theismann join a backfield considered the best in Canada last year—except at quarterback. Bill Symons led Eastern Canada's rushers with 908 yards, with teammate Dave Raimey right behind with 839. Dave Cranmer was obtained from Calgary to challenge these stars might wind up on defense because just about the surest thing in the Argo camp is Leon McQuay, signed from U. of Tampa where he set records as a runner. Receivers Jim Thorpe and Mel Profit are among Canada's best.

On defense, Jim Stillwagon from Ohio joins such stalwarts as Jim Corrigan, Marv Luster and Jim Tomlin, with some positions open to new acquisitions.

Coach Cahill's raids in the U.S. made him a bad word among other recruiters. His contract runs through 1972. Some of the load has been removed by hiring John Barrow, former Hamilton line star from Florida, as general manager.

**MONTREAL**—They called Alouettes the dream team of Canada in 1970—up from a feckless last place finish the year before to finish third, only two

points out of first, and then go on to beat Calgary for the Canadian championship. Alouettes average only 24 years of age. At the beginning of the 1970 season they had 23 new players. As one of their executives put it: "We're an expansion club, without any expansion having taken place." But with a rookie head coach, Sam Etcheverry, a new owner, Sam Berger, and a new general manager, Red O'Quinn, they brought sellout crowds back to a franchise that many thought had taken the gas-pipe through a succession of losing seasons. As young, eager defending champions they'll be tough to beat.

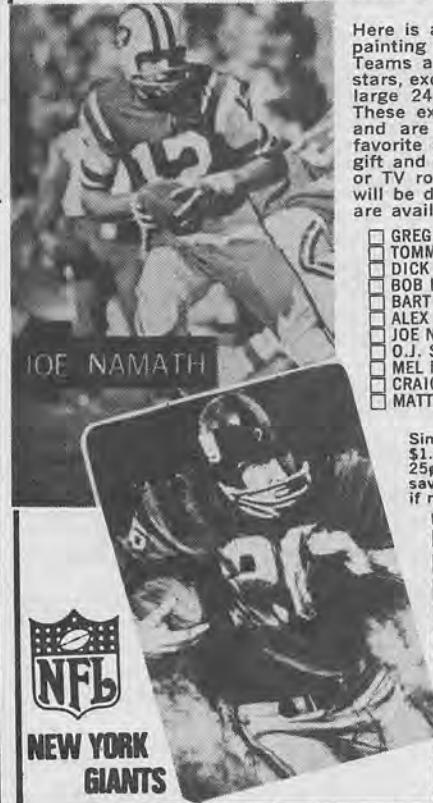
Among offensive veterans are the Grey Cup game's most valuable player, quarterback Sonny Wade; halfback Moses Denson, who had a sensational 7.1 rushing average; Canadian receivers Terry Evanshen and Peter Dalla Riva; and the Quebec legislative member George Springate, kicking specialist. All-star Ed George will anchor the line.

The defense is young, tough and fast: Steve Smear and Steve Booras at defensive ends; linebackers Mark Kosmos, Ted Collins and Mike Widger. The deep secondary is Al Phaneuf, player-coach Gene Gaines and Bobby Lee Thompson, who joined the club late last season and was a playoff sensation.

Among important new imports are Bill Massey from the University of Hawaii, a potentially great ball-carrier.

**HAMILTON**—New head coach Al Dorow promised a simplified offense for Hamilton Tiger-Cats when he took over from Joe Restic, who moved to Harvard—and whose dazzling so-called Selecto-matic defense carried Hamilton to a surprising first place in the East last year. But Hamilton's performance this rebuilding year is in good hands on offense, no matter what the play-book says. Joe Zuger and Wally Gabler are experienced CFL quarterbacks.

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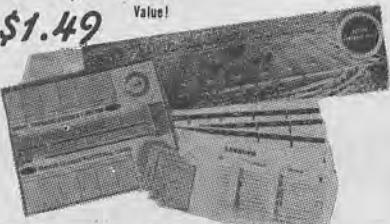
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end Billy Ray Lochlin on waivers. With the retirement of John Barrow, a couple of spots opened on the defensive line—with newcomers Rock Perdoni from Georgia and Bob Davenport (Arizona State) deemed most-likely-to-succeed.

Tony Gabriel, a local high school product who was a star at Syracuse under coach Ben Schwartzwalder, is another outstanding acquisition at offensive end. He joins holdover stars Tommy Joe Coffey (Eastern scoring leader with 113 points) and Gord Christian to give Hamilton the core for an excellent passing game. Hamilton's coup, signing Steve Worster from U. of Texas, should make the Hamilton running game one of the country's best. He'll share it with Dave Fleming, also a fine receiver, and Gary Wesolowski.

Angelo Mosca, voted top lineman in the East last year for his work on Hamilton's defensive line, anchors the newcomers in front of one of Canada's most efficient set of veteran linebackers and defensive backs.

**OTTAWA**—Gary Wood was the quarterback picked up from the New York Giants roster in 1970 to replace Canada's all-time native-born great at that position, Russ Jackson. There was bound to be a readjustment period—but coach Jack Gotta headed into this season confidently. In 1970 Wood passed more, completed more, gained more yardage in the air per game, and passed for more touchdowns than anybody else in Canada. But the Ottawa running game was nowhere.

That's the big improvement in Ottawa this year: the acquisition of Dennis Duncan. Duncan was Montreal's leading rusher and fifth in the nation, but was suspended for breaking training. He was traded to Winnipeg after the season ended; then to Ottawa before this one began. This gives Wood power running to hook up with Sophomore Terry Wellesley, who as a rookie was top rusher behind Wood last year.

The rest of the club seems solid enough to reverse many of the narrow defeats Ottawa suf-

fered while compiling a 4-10 record in 1970. Ivan MacMillan is back—a sophomore at 19, who had 14 field goals last year. Plus all-star backs Hugh Oldham and Wayne Giardino. Jerry Campbell at linebacker heads a quick defense that includes Al Marcellin and good experience at most positions.

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

**SASKATCHEWAN**—The Roughriders, for years the strongest and most consistent club in the West, are in the enviable position of having 35 veterans returning to hammer it out for the 30-player squad. That is the limit a CFL club may dress. But still much depends on the health of Ron Lancaster, their scrambling quarterback who passed for 2781 yards in 16 games last year. A winter operation on his sore throwing arm stood up well.

The return of all-star Wally Dempsey in a trade with B.C. gives extra strength to Saskatchewan's already formidable secondary. Bubba Wyche and Gary Lane provide good depth behind Lancaster at quarterback.

New coach Dave Skrien (who assisted Eagle Keys last year) is giving Dave Simpson from Drake a good shot at a starting job as offensive tackle. One other new import with the likely-to-succeed tag is Dale Nosworthy of Utah, at tight end. But with 18 veteran imports back to try for the 14 positions allowed Americans on Canadian rosters, other new imports who make the grade this year will be mild surprises.

Skrien's assistant coaches are John Payne, formerly an assistant at Winnipeg and Edmonton, and Tom Lovat, who served at Idaho State and the University of Utah. "The prospects of another fine season were never better," said Ken Preston, general manager. Which must mean that he's expecting full recovery from George Reed, perennial all-star at fullback, whose leg was broken last year—holding him to a mere 821 yards rushing.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**—The importance of a running quarterback in the Canadian game (wider field) is a simple fact. Every all-time great—Bernie Fa-

loney, Jackie Parker, Russ Jackson, Ron Lancaster, Joe Kapp—has been a scrambler for good yardage on option plays. Tom Wilkinson's most successful games in his Toronto years were when he was encouraged to run options. The welcome he got in B.C. was therefore natural: Jackie Parker, general manager, always liked Wilkinson's toughness in running the option; and coach Eagle Keys, after his years at Saskatchewan with Ron Lancaster scrambling for him, felt the same. Wilkinson's arrival took a lot of heat off the sometimes brilliant Paul Brothers.

Jim Evenson and Jim Young are the main ball-carriers, along with the promising recruit Josh Ashton from Tulsa. Ken Phillips is the West's best punter, Ted Gerela a top field goal man. Recruiting added more variety to last year's pass-catching, when Jim Young was the favorite target. The B.C. defense is vastly strengthened—and this was badly needed. B.C. had the worst defense in the nation last year. Once, B.C. led Montreal 27-0, and lost.

**EDMONTON**—They have started calling head coach Ray Jauch Iron Eyes The Second—after that distinguished Western Conference alumnus, Bud Grant. Jauch was named 1970's Coach of the Year in the CFL, as a rookie.

He has mainly a passing team, with Don Trull and Rusty Clark at quarterback, but is running "not oftener but we hope more effectively," this year.

Fullback Bob Hounard is a proved line-crasher (810 yards rushing with Winnipeg in 1970); speedy Jim (Long Gone) Thomas is in form after sitting out most of last year; and the brilliant Tarry Swarn has matured from his rookie year. Dave Vaughan, a tight end drafted by Miami, helps the offense.

The Edmonton defense is tough. Dwayne Miller from Drake shapes up as a replacement for veteran Joe Hernandez in the backfield to go with all-star John Wydareny. Defensive tackles Greg Pipes and John Lagrone win wide concession as being the best pair in Canada at that position. Ron Forwick and Jerry Griffin are other stars.

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**CALGARY**—Coach Jim Duncan is blessed some days, and cursed others with the hot and cold ways of veteran quarterback Jerry Keeling.

But he has the nation's top rusher, Hugh McKinnis (1135 yards in 1970), and top pass receiver, Herman Harrison (70 receptions, 1024 yards, 12 touchdowns). The defense may be best in the nation, too. In 1970 it allowed only 3633 yards gained—with Toronto, the closest contender, 800 yards back. But, because of an in-and-out attack the team only won nine while losing seven in 1970 before knocking off Edmonton in the Western semi-final and Saskatchewan in the final—then losing to Montreal in the Grey Cup.

For Calgary to do as well this year (after losing Dave Cranmer to Toronto) it seems that McKinnis will need help in the running game—more than he can expect from holdover back Rudy Linterman. Jesse Mims has been recruited from New Mexico State and Thermus Butler picked up after being dropped by Edmonton.

Wayne Harris, chosen Lineman of the Year in Canada for his superlative work at linebacker, is back along with Larry Robinson, deep defender, Frank Andruski, Dick Suderman, Roger Kramer and Granville Liggins.

**WINNIPEG**—The Blue Bombers, with a 2-14 record last year, aren't daunted: they're talking artificial turf, 5000 new seats for 1972, and a playoff finish (third or better) this season—with Don Jonas the take-charge quarterback they've lacked. This dogged 32-year-old spent most of his pro career with Orlando in the Continental League, where the record book reads like his autobiography. He felt that he didn't get a chance to prove himself with Toronto in 1970.

Until coach Jim Spavital signed Jonas, he had five quarterback prospects, as well as five candidates for field goal kicking. Jonas, an accomplished passer, also tied with Hamilton's Tommy Joe Coffey for most field goals in the East last year; at 15. Bombers also have Walt McKee,

from the Canadian Collegiate champion University of Manitoba Bisons, available for kicking duties.

On offense, from all-star split end Rick Shaw, wingback Dick Smith (54 catches last year), and linemen Bill Frank and Chuck Liebrock, Bombers are tougher, with Jonas. Defense is strong: Bombers allowed only 77 points in the final seven games last year. All-star Paul Brule, with Ed Ulmer and Phil Minnick (injured last year) lead the linebackers and defensive backs. Joe Gritchlow and Jim Heighton seem set on the front four. The other two positions could be a problem.

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gin in five games and a tie in a sixth. A strange thing about O'Brien, who was a wide receiver in college, is that he almost flunked out of the Colts' camp after being chosen over Michaels.

But in the opener with San Diego, O'Brien reassured assistant coach Bielski and head coach Don McCafferty by kicking three consecutive field goals for a 16-14 victory.

Bakken's beginning was a big bust. Waived by the Rams in August of 1962, he was picked up by the Cardinals. Not only did he punt poorly in an exhibition game, but he suffered a broken nose when a punt was blocked. But the Cardinals couldn't drop him because of his injuries, and he was put on the reserve list. Activated late in the season, he was given two chances to kick field goals. He missed both.

But from then on, Bakken became the indispensable man with a score sheet of 154 field goals and 295 points after, smashing

all Cardinal scoring records.

The specialty bit is of fairly recent vintage for kickers and it is probably accounted for by several factors, not the least of which is the expansion in the size of squads.

In the days of 32-man squads virtually all the place-kickers—and punters, too—had other, and far more violent duties to perform. Waterfield was a full-time quarterback. Pat Harder was a bone-crunching fullback for Jimmy Conzelman's Cardinals. Doak Walker was a fleet halfback for the Lions. Summerall played a lot of end for the Cardinals, as did Bobby Walston, one of the best from 35 yards in, for the Eagles.

The pioneer specialists included Paige Cothren, first with the Rams, then with the Eagles; Groza, who played a lot of offensive tackle for the Browns before he was "retired" to the kickers' rocking chair; Don Chandler, a fairly good running back until the Giants put him in the special-

JIM BAKKEN, 9-year pro, holds Cardinals record with 295 XP and 154 FGs.



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ist class; and Sam Baker, who broke in with the Redskins as a running back, and who became so proficient at place-kicking, punting and kicking off, that he was assigned to those three duties by the Cowboys and the Eagles.

It was not, however, until the last several years that the kicking specialists came to be regarded as a prize possession. Some of the place-kickers of yore did not take their single chore too seriously. Cothren, for one, tried to make a deal with the Eagles that would permit him to stay in his Mississippi home for all of the week except Sunday. He was turned down, but only on the grounds his six-day absence might be harmful to morale.

So how much diligence does a place-kicker need, once he has it made? Candidly, I still have to see one of them work up a sweat on a training or a practice field.

"Oh, yes, I practice my kicking," Gogolak conceded, "but not to an extreme. A kicker's leg, you know, can get weary and sore from too much work."

"He ought to pay them for getting the good meals and the fresh air," an Eagle guard said, pointing to Baker, lolling under the training camp goal posts, his sweat shirt dry as the Sahara under the armpits.

"I do the calisthenics, don't I?" Baker responded. "What does the guy want me to do? Break my leg in a scrum?"

Deep in his 30's at the time, Baker was a man of many parts, not the least of which was his ability to disparage the soccer-style lads.

"Most of them," Sambo said, "don't get their kicks up quickly enough. Those that do, need more time than we do."

The maximum mod is estimated at one and one-half seconds. It's conceded, and by Stenerud himself, that the Chiefs' fine forward wall gives him the maximum.

Place-kicking is, of course, the art now, and not drop-kicking as it was perfected by the likes of Thorpe and Brickley. Strong was a drop kicker at New York University, but employed a ball

holder when he became a pro. Nobody seems to know—and the records do not show—when the drop kicker did a complete vanish.

The ball holder, all place-kickers agree, can make or break the man upon whom, to break out the cliche, all eyes are riveted. Some of the best holders have been top-flight quarterbacks like Sonny Jurgensen and Fran Tarkenton. Don Burroughs, a 6-4, 180-pound free safety, also was an acknowledged wizard at taking the snap and planting the ball down quickly at the right angle with the laces away from the kick.

The goal of the place-kicker is an average of at least 75 per cent. Stenerud was 30 out of 42 last season; Ypreman 22 of 29; 29; Cox 30 of 46; Gogolak, 29 of 45; and Bakken, 20 of 32.

Dempsey? He was 18 of 34, or under 50 per cent. "He's got to do better between 30 and 39 yards," the Saints' new head coach, J. D. Roberts, opined. At that most common distance, Big Tom hit only one out of five.

JAN STENERUD, kicking one of 30 FGs last season, led AFC with 119 points.



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## RECORDS

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Points—176, Hornung, G.B. (1960)  
TD's—22, Sayers, Chicago (1965)  
FG's—30, Fred Cox, Minnesota (1970)  
XP—56, Villanueva, Dallas (1966)

	Td. R.	Td. P.	XP	FG	FGA	T P
Cox, Minn.	0	0	35	30	46	12
Ray, La.	0	0	34	29	45	12
Gogolak, N.Y.	0	0	32	25	41	12
Gossett, S.F.	0	0	39	21	31	10
Mann, Det.	0	0	41	20	29	10
Bakken, St. L.	0	0	37	20	32	9
Knight, Wash.	0	0	33	20	27	9
Clark, Dall.	0	0	35	18	27	8
Percival, Chi.	0	0	28	20	34	8
Lane, St. L.	11	2	0	0	0	7
Gordon, Chi.	0	13	0	0	0	7
R. Johnson, N.Y.	8	4	0	0	0	7
Washington, S.F.	0	0	12	0	0	7
Dempsey, N.O.	0	0	16	18	34	7
Moseley, Phil.	0	0	25	14	25	6
Farr, Det.	9	2	0	0	0	6
Hayes, Dall.	1	10	19	15	28	6
Livingston, G.B.	0	0	0	0	0	6
Willard, S.F.	7	3	0	0	0	5
Jones, Minn.	9	0	0	0	0	5
Smith, Wash.	0	0	9	0	0	5
Vinyard, Atl.	0	0	23	9	25	5
Taylor, Wash.	0	0	8	0	0	4
Brown, Wash.	5	2	0	0	0	4
Ellison, L.A.	5	2	0	0	0	4
Mitchell, Atl.	1	6	0	0	0	4
Snow, L.A.	0	0	7	0	0	4
Gilliam, St. L.	1	5	0	0	0	3
Osborn, Minn.	5	1	0	0	0	3
Sanders, Det.	0	6	0	0	0	3
Abramowicz, N.O.	5	0	0	0	0	3
Anderson, G.B.	5	0	0	0	0	3
Garrison, Dall.	3	2	0	0	0	3
Harraway, Wash.	5	0	0	0	0	3
Jackson, Phil.	0	5	0	0	0	3
Josephson, L.A.	5	0	0	0	0	3
McNeil, N.Y.	1	4	0	0	0	3
Rentzel, Dall.	0	5	0	0	0	3
Roland, St. L.	4	1	0	0	0	3
Thomas, Dall.	5	0	0	0	0	3
Tucker, N.Y.	0	5	0	0	0	3
L. Walton, Det.	0	5	0	0	0	3
Bougeess, Phil.	2	2	0	0	0	2
Frederickson, N.Y.	1	3	0	0	0	2
Hawkins, Phil.	0	4	0	0	0	2
Hill, Dall.	4	0	0	0	0	2
Hilton, G.B.	0	4	0	0	0	2
McCullough, Det.	0	4	0	0	0	2
Seymour, Chi.	0	4	0	0	0	2
Smith, St. L.	0	4	0	0	0	2
Turner, Det.	2	2	0	0	0	2
Taylor, Chi.	4	0	0	0	0	2
Washington, Minn.	0	4	0	0	0	2
Ballman, Phil.	0	3	0	0	0	1
Barney, Det.	3	0	0	0	0	1
Cunningham, S.F.	3	0	0	0	0	1
Gipson, Atl.	0	3	0	0	0	1
Henderson, Wash.	0	3	0	0	0	1
Sharockman, Minn.	3	0	0	0	0	1
Snead, Phil.	3	0	0	0	0	1
Thomas, S.F.	0	3	0	0	0	1
Truax, L.A.	0	3	0	0	0	1
Wages, Atl.	1	2	0	0	0	1
D. Williams, S. L.	0	3	0	0	0	1
Barrington, N.O.	2	0	0	0	0	1
Beasley, Minn.	0	2	0	0	0	1
Brodie, S.F.	2	0	0	0	0	1
Brown, Minn.	0	2	0	0	0	1
Burrough, N.O.	0	2	0	0	0	1
Campbell, Atl.	2	0	0	0	0	1
Clancy, G.B.	0	2	0	0	0	1
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McGeorge, G.B.	0	2	0	0	0	1
Owens, Det.	2	0	0	0	0	1
Parks, N.O.	0	2	0	0	0	1
Pinder, Phil.	2	0	0	0	0	1
Reeves, Dall.	2	0	0	0	0	1
Shivers, St. L.	2	0	0	0	0	1
Smith, L.A.	1	1	0	0	0	1
Snyder, Atl.	0	2	0	0	0	1
Studstill, L.A.	0	2	0	0	0	1
Tarkenton, N.Y.	2	0	0	0	0	1
Tucker, S.F.	1	1	0	0	0	1
T. Williams, G.B.	1	1	0	0	0	1

	Td.	Td.			Tot		Atts	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
R.	P.	XP	FG	FGA	Pts						
Windsor, S.F.	0	2	0	0	12	Tucker, S.F.	42	137	3.3	11	1
Witcher, S.F.	0	2	0	0	12	Malone, Atl.	40	136	3.4	12	0
Woodeshick, Phil.	2	0	0	0	12	Concannon, Chi.	42	136	3.2	16	2
J. Johnson, S.F.	1	0	0	0	0	Reed, Minn.	42	132	3.1	21	1
Alexander, L.A.	1	0	0	0	6	Mason, L.A.	44	123	2.8	13	0
Arrington, Phil.	1	0	0	0	6	Owens, Det.	36	122	3.4	23	2
Bacon, L.A.	1	0	0	0	6	Campbell, Atl.	28	116	4.1	15	2
Baker, N.O.	1	0	0	0	6	Hampton, G.B.	48	115	2.4	14	0
Bryant, Minn.	1	0	0	0	6	Duhon, N.Y.	18	111	6.2	38	0
Butler, Atl.	0	1	0	0	6	Gabriel, L.A.	28	104	3.7	15	1
Coady, Chi.	0	1	0	0	6	Pitts, L.A.-N.O.	35	104	3.0	11	0
Cogdill, Atl.	0	1	0	0	6	Dyer, Wash.	21	102	4.9	12	0
Curran, L.A.	1	0	0	0	6	Hull, Chi.	32	99	3.1	13	0
Dirks, Phil.	1	0	0	0	6	Shivers, St. L.	24	98	4.1	t29	2
Donohoe, Atl.	0	1	0	0	6	Watkins, Phil.	32	96	3.0	11	1
Duhon, N.Y.	1	0	0	0	6	Davis, N.O.	27	94	3.5	25	0
Eddy, Det.	1	0	0	0	6	Curran, L.A.	25	92	3.7	11	0
Farr, St. L.	1	0	0	0	6	Thomas, S.F.	31	89	2.9	14	0
Flatley, Atl.	0	1	0	0	6	Reeves, Dall.	35	84	2.4	8	2
Gabriel, L.A.	1	0	0	0	6	Gilliam, St. L.	5	68	13.6	t48	1
Grabowski, G.B.	1	0	0	0	6	Baynham, Chi.	26	68	2.6	9	0
Hampton, G.B.	1	0	0	0	6	Kwaliak, S.F.	3	65	21.7	45	0
Hand, Det.	1	0	0	0	6	MacCall, N.O.	23	63	2.7	11	1
Hart, G.B.	1	0	0	0	6	Starr, G.B.	12	62	5.2	16	0
Haymond, L.A.	1	0	0	0	6	Cuozzo, Minn.	17	61	3.6	15	0
Hill, Phil.	0	1	0	0	6	Berry, Atl.	13	60	4.6	16	0
Isenbarger, S.F.	0	1	0	0	6	Sayers, Chi.	23	52	2.3	15	0
Jurgensen, Wash.	1	0	0	0	6	Jordan, L.A.	10	50	5.0	10	0
Krause, G.B.	1	0	0	0	6	Kopay, Wash.	13	49	3.8	14	0
Kwaliak, S.F.	0	1	0	0	6	Lindsey, Minn.	11	47	4.3	9	0
Landry, Det.	1	0	0	0	6	Eddy, Det.	18	47	2.6	9	1
Latourette, St. L.	1	0	0	0	6	Wheelwright, N.O.	16	45	2.8	9	0
Lee, Minn.	1	0	0	0	6	H. Jones, Phil.	13	44	3.4	16	0
Lindsey, Minn.	0	1	0	0	6	P. Williams, G.B.	17	44	2.6	4	0
Long, L.A.	0	1	0	0	6	Smith, St. L.	5	43	8.6	26	0
Malone, Atl.	0	1	0	0	6	Isenbarger, S.F.	18	43	2.4	27	0
Marshall, Atl.	1	0	0	0	6	Kilmer, N.O.	12	42	3.5	15	0
Mason, L.A.	0	1	0	0	6	Jurgensen, Wash.	6	39	6.5	14	1
McCall, N.O.	1	0	0	0	6	Latourette, St. L.	2	38	19.0	33	0
McCauley, Atl.	1	0	0	0	6	Brunet, Wash.	9	37	4.1	11	0
McGill, Minn.	1	0	0	0	6	Morton, Dall.	16	37	2.3	11	0
Morgan, N.O.	1	0	0	0	6	Snead, Phil.	18	35	1.9	16	3
Ogden, Chi.	0	1	0	0	6	Hayes, Dall.	4	34	8.5	t13	1
Page, Minn.	1	0	0	0	6	Arrington, Phil.	4	33	8.3	15	1
Parish, St. L.	1	0	0	0	6	Munson, Det.	9	33	3.7	11	0
Phillips, S.F.	1	0	0	0	6	Dodd, N.O.	5	31	6.2	16	0
Poage, N.O.	0	1	0	0	6	Smith, Wash.	2	29	14.5	20	0
Preece, Phil.	1	0	0	0	6	Brodie, S.F.	9	29	3.2	t12	2
Reed, Minn.	1	0	0	0	6	Livingston, N.O.	10	29	2.9	10	0
Roberts, Wash.	0	1	0	0	6	Bragg, Wash.	2	25	12.5	40	0
Rucker, Dall.	0	1	0	0	6	Morrison, N.Y.	11	25	2.3	7	0
Shy, Chi.	1	0	0	0	6	Kurek, Chi.	6	24	4.0	11	0
Starr, G.B.	1	0	0	0	6	Studstill, L.A.	1	23	23.0	23	0
B. Taylor, S.F.	1	0	0	0	6	Mitchell, Atl.	5	23	4.6	12	1
Thomas, N.Y.	0	1	0	0	6	Douglas, Chi.	7	22	3.1	7	0
Tripplett, Det.	1	0	0	0	6	Johnson, Atl.	7	21	3.0	14	0
Washington, Dall.	1	0	0	0	6	L. Walton, Det.	2	20	10.0	16	0
Watkins, Phil.	1	0	0	0	6	Hart, St. L.	10	20	2.0	10	1
Weger, Det.	1	0	0	0	6	Taylor, Wash.	18	18	1.0	4	0
Welch, Dall.	1	0	0	0	6	Gordon, Chi.	1	17	17.0	17	0
Williams, Det.	1	0	0	0	6	Norman, Dall.	2	16	8.0	22	0
Clar. Williams, L.A.	1	0	0	0	6	Roberts, Wash.	2	15	7.5	21	0
Winston, Minn.	1	0	0	0	6	Bradley, Phil.	1	14	14.0	14	0
Zabel, Phil.	0	1	0	0	6	Krause, G.B.	2	13	13.0	13	0
* Includes Safety											
Safeties—Files, NYG; J. Johnson and Randolph, S.F.											
RUSHING											
(5 or more yards)											
RECORDS											
Most—305, Jim Brown, Cleve. (1961)											
Most Yds.—1863, Jim Brown, Clev. (1963)											
Most TD's—19, Jim Taylor, G.B. (1962)											
Atts	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.							
Brown, Wash.	237	1125	4.7	175	5						
R. Johnson, N.Y.	263	1027	3.9	168	8						
Lane, St. L.	206	977	4.7	75	11						
Anderson, G.B.	222	853	3.8	54	5						
Thomas, Dall.	151	803	5.3	147	4						
Willard, S.F.	236	789	3.3	20	7						
Farr, Det.	166	717	4.3	36	9						
Osborn, Minn.	207	681	3.3	16	5						
Taylor, Det.	198	666	3.4	34	2						
Josephson, L.A.	166	657	4.0	t40	2						
Butler, Atl.	166	636	3.8	33	0						
Harraway, Wash.	146	577	4.0	t57	5						
Hill, Dall.	153	577	3.8	20	4						
Garrison, Dall.	126	507	4.0	t18	3						
Cunningham, S.F.	128	443	3.5	25	3						
Wages, Atl.	119	422	3.5	40	1						
Roland, St. L.	94	392	4.2	20	3						
Ellison, L.A.	90	381	4.2	24	5						
Frederickson, N.Y.	120	375	3.1	15	1						
Jones, Minn.	120	369	3.1	23	9						
Landry, Det.	35	350	10.0	76	1						
Edwards, St. L.	70	350	5.0	22	1						
Smith, L.A.	77	338	4.4	19	1						
Baker, N.O.	82	337	4.1	29	1						
Brown, Minn.	101	324	3.2	18	0						
T. Williams, G.B.	74	276	3.7	37	1						
Woodeshick, Phil.	52	254	4.9	t57	2						
Tarkenton, N.Y.	43	236	5.5	20	2						
Montgomery, Chi.	62	229	3.7	38	0						
Barrington, N.O.	72	228	3.2	16	2						
Shy, Chi.	79	227	2.9	45	1						
Staubach, Dall.	27	221	8.2	25	0						
Bull, Chi.	68	214	3.1	28	0						
Otis, N.O.	71	211	3.0	15	0						
Grabowski, G.B.	67	210	3.1	17	1						
Gipson, Atl.	52	177	3.4	16	0						
Tripplett, Det.	48	156	3.3	t11	1						

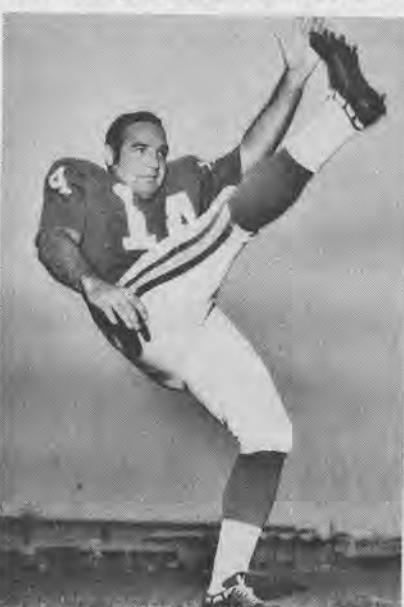
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## RUSHING

(5 or more yards)

**RECORDS**  
Most—305, Jim Brown, Cleve. (1961)  
Most Yds.—1863, Jim Brown, Clev. (1963)  
Most TD's—19, Jim Taylor, G.B. (1962)

FRED COX, Vikings, led both leagues with 125 points for 790 career pts.



**INTERCEPTIONS**

(2 or more—less, if 10 or more yards)

**RECORDS**

Most—14, Dick Lane, Los Angeles (1952)  
 Most Yds.—301, Don Dall, Detroit (1949)  
 Most TD's—3, Dick Lynch, Giants (1963)  
 3, Herb Adderley, Green Bay (1965)  
 3, Lem Barney, Detroit (1967)

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Le Beau, Det.	9	96	10.7	43	0
Barney, Det.	7	168	24.0	t49	2
Sharockman, Minn.	7	132	18.9	43	1
Wood, G.B.	7	110	15.7	24	0
Williams, N.Y.	6	114	19.0	52	0
Krause, Minn.	6	90	15.0	40	0
Wehrli, St. L.	6	50	8.3	41	0
Reaves, Atl.	6	44	7.3	28	0
Clar. Williams, L.A.	5	108	21.6	t65	1
Hollas, N.O.	5	79	15.8	29	0
Wilson, St. L.	5	72	14.4	22	0
Weger, Det.	5	52	10.4	t29	1
Waters, Dall.	5	45	9.0	20	0
Farr, St. L.	5	38	7.6	t19	1
Owens, Wash.	4	86	21.5	32	0
Lockhart, N.Y.	4	51	12.8	25	0
Alexander, L.A.	4	47	11.8	t25	1
Wyatt, N.O.	4	45	11.3	25	0
Bass, Wash.	4	37	9.3	22	0
Burkett, N.O.	4	36	9.0	16	0
Buffone, Chi.	4	33	8.3	16	0
Renfro, Dall.	4	3	0.8	3	0
Hart, G.B.	3	114	38.0	t76	1
B. Taylor, S.F.	3	70	23.3	70	0
Adderley, Dall.	3	69	23.0	30	0
Ellis, G.B.	3	69	23.0	60	0
R. Harris, Wash.	3	67	22.3	25	0
Netties, L.A.	3	54	18.0	32	0
Neveit, N.O.	3	49	16.3	47	0
Phillips, S.F.	3	49	16.3	t35	1
Nun'ey, S.F.	3	42	14.0	24	0
Bryant, Minn.	3	40	13.3	t39	1
Warwick, Minn.	3	30	10.0	23	0
Howell, N.O.	3	28	9.3	28	0
Jeter, G.B.	3	27	9.0	18	0
R. Taylor, S.F.	3	27	9.0	19	0
Kassulke, Minn.	3	22	7.3	11	0
Vanderbundt, S.F.	3	18	6.0	18	0
Lavan, Atl.	3	11	3.7	8	0
Butkus, Chi.	3	0	0.0	0	0
Harris, Dall.	2	66	33.0	60	0
Wilcox, S.F.	2	46	23.0	35	0
Carr, G.B.	2	45	22.5	28	0
Nelson, Phil.	2	45	22.5	45	0
Stovall, St. L.	2	45	22.5	27	0
J. Johnson, S.F.	2	36	18.0	t36	1
Nobis, Atl.	2	36	18.0	19	0
Hilgenberg, Minn.	2	33	16.5	17	0
Longo, N.Y.	2	33	16.5	33	0
Robinson, G.B.	2	33	16.5	20	0
Daniels, Chi.	2	29	14.5	16	0
Pottios, L.A.	2	27	13.5	14	0
Meador, L.A.	2	22	11.0	12	0
Rasmussen, Det.	2	21	10.5	14	0
Preece, Phil.	2	19	9.5	19	0
Young, Phil.	2	19	9.5	13	0
Howley, Dall.	2	18	9.0	17	0
Luci, Det.	2	18	9.0	12	0
Taylor, Chi.	2	18	9.0	18	0
Brubacher, Chi.	2	17	8.5	10	0
R. Jones, Phil.	2	17	8.5	17	0
Fischer, Wash.	2	13	6.5	10	0
Eaton, N.Y.	2	8	4.0	8	0
Edwards, Dall.	2	2	1.0	2	0
Hand, Det.	1	62	62.0	t62	1
Green, Dall.	1	59	59.0	59	0
Parish, St. L.	1	41	41.0	t41	1
Clark, Chi.	1	32	32.0	32	0
McCauley, Atl.	1	32	32.0	32	0
Kiner, Dall.	1	28	28.0	28	0
Page, Minn.	1	27	27.0	27	0
Charles, Minn.	1	25	25.0	25	0
Jaqua, Wash.	1	25	25.0	25	0
Zook, Atl.	1	24	24.0	24	0
Fuller, S.F.	1	20	20.0	20	0
Hansen, Atl.	1	15	15.0	15	0
Winston, Minn.	1	13	13.0	13	0
Hamburger, Wash.	1	12	12.0	12	0
Lyons, N.O.	1	12	12.0	12	0
Redmond, Atl.	1	12	12.0	12	0
Stincic, Dall.	1	11	11.0	11	0
Petitbon, L.A.	1	10	10.0	10	0

**PASS RECEIVING**

(3 or more—less if TD)

**RECORDS**

Most caught—93, John Morris, Chicago (1964)  
 Most Yds.—1495, Elroy Hirsch, L.A. (1951)  
 Most pass TD's—17, Don Hutson, G.B. (1942)  
 17, Elroy Hirsch, L.A. (1951)

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Gordon, Chi.	71	1026	14.5	t69	13
Abramowicz, N.O.	55	906	16.5	48	5
Washington, S.F.	53	1100	20.8	t79	12
Snow, L.A.	51	859	16.8	71	7
McNeil, N.Y.	50	764	15.3	59	4
Bougess, Phil.	50	401	8.0	34	2
Dale, G.B.	49	814	16.6	t89	2
R. Johnson, N.Y.	48	487	10.1	50	4
Ballman, Phil.	47	601	12.8	26	3
Gilliam, St. L.	45	952	21.2	79	5
Washington, Minn.	44	702	16.0	t49	4
Mitchell, Atl.	44	650	14.8	t51	6
Josephson, L.A.	44	427	9.7	30	0
Smith, Wash.	43	575	13.4	41	9
Taylor, Wash.	42	593	14.1	41	8
Jackson, Phil.	41	613	15.0	t79	5
Tucker, N.Y.	40	571	14.3	t41	5

No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.	
Sanders, Det.	40	544	13.6	34	6	Tucker, L.A.	12	230	19.2	51
Frederickson, N.Y.	40	408	10.2	t57	3	Thomas, S.F.	12	221	18.4	t61
Flatley, Atl.	39	544	13.9	35	1	Reeves, Dall.	12	140	11.7	23
Smith, St. L.	37	687	18.6	t59	4	Mason, L.A.	12	127	10.6	32
Brown, Wash.	37	341	9.2	66	2	T. Williams, G.B.	12	127	10.6	t55
Truax, L.A.	36	420	11.7	34	0	Baker, N.O.	12	47	3.9	11
Anderson, G.B.	36	414	11.5	34	0	Baynham, Chi.	12	43	3.6	13
Cunningham, S.F.	35	209	6.0	29	0	Morrison, N.Y.	11	136	12.4	25
Hayes, Dall.	34	889	26.1	t89	10	Shy, Chi.	10	149	14.9	64
Lane, St. L.	32	365	11.4	t78	2	Kwalick, S.F.	10	148	14.8	t26
Henderson, Minn.	31	527	17.0	52	2	Ellison, L.A.	10	84	8.4	20
Farmer, Chi.	31	496	16.0	60	2	Thomas, Dall.	10	73	7.3	17
Windsor, S.F.	31	363	11.7	35	4	Rucker, Dall.	9	200	22.2	t52
Willard, S.F.	31	259	8.4	32	3	Jones, Minn.	9	117	13.0	72
Hawkins, Phil.	30	612	20.4	t78	4	Malone, Atl.	9	38	4.2	9
L. Walton, Det.	30	532	17.7	56	5	Hughes, Det.	8	162	20.3	42
Farr, Det.	29	213	7.3	58	2	Isenbarger, S.F.	8	158	19.8	t61
Rentzel, Dall.	28	556	19.9	t86	5	Zabel, Phil.	8	119	14.9	25
Dodd, N.O.	28	484	17.3	t45	1	Ditka, Dall.	8	98	12.3	26
Pinder, Phil.	28	249	8.9	27	0	Riley, S.F.	7	136	19.4	68
Roberts, Wash.	27	411	15.2	t66	1	Homan, Dall.	7	105	15.0	43
Taylor, Det.	27	261	9.7	42	2	Cogdill, Atl.	7	101	14.4	30
Parks, N.O.	26	447	17.2	38	2	Campbell, Atl.	7	92	13.1	27
Wages, Atl.	26	153	5.9	24	2	Pitts, N.O.	7	63	9.0	12
Hilton, G.B.	25	350	14.0	t65	4	Hester, Chi.	7	54	7.7	16
Herrmann, N.Y.	24	290	12.1	21	2	Kopay, Wash.	7	24	3.4	9
Smith, L.A.	24	160	6.8	t17	1	Hampton, G.B.	7	23	3.3	12
Butler, Atl.	24	151	6.3	25	1	Seymour, Chi.	6	145	24.2	t53
Garrison, Dall.	21	205	9.8	36	2	Thomas, N.Y.	6	92	15.3	29
Otis, N.O.	20	124	6.2	22	0	Spilis, G.B.	6	76	12.7	18
Edwards, St. L.	19	150	7.9	39	1	Norman, Dall.	6	70	11.7	23
Grabowski, G.B.	19	83	4.4	19	0	Reed, Minn.	6	53	8.8	19
Studstill, L.A.	18	252	14.0	t40	2	Trippett, Det.	6	52	8.7	15
Beasley, Minn.	17	237	13.9	40	2	Coady, Chi.	6	44	7.3	14
Tucker, S.F.	17	108	6.4	t28	1	Woodeshick, Phil.	6	28	4.7	10
Roland, St. L.	17	96	5.6	20	1	McCall, N.O.	5	43	8.6	17
Clancy, G.B.	16	244	15.3	t33	2	Lindsey, Minn.	4	94	23.5	49
Gipson, Atl.	16	186	11.6	t51	3	Houston, N.Y.	4	68	17.0	35
McCullouch, Det.	15	278	18.5	44	4	Duhon, N.Y.	4	58	14.5	22
Poage, N.O.	15	166	11.1	t36	1	Dyer, Wash.	4	37	9.3	20
Wallace, Chi.	15	160	10.7	33	0	Davis, N.O.	4	29	7.3	13
Brown, Minn.	15	149	9.9	t17	1	Eddy, Det.	4	22	5.5	9
Montgomery, Chi.	14	75	5.4	17	0	Owens, Det.	4	21	5.3	11
Burrough, N.O.	13	196	15.1	35	2	Cole, Chi.	3	47	15.7	34
Henderson, Wash.	13	176	13.5	t56	3	Shivers, St. L.	3	44	14.7	22
Hill, Dall.	13	95	7.3	21	0	Long, L.A.	3	35	11.7	t15
Bull, Chi.	13	60	4.6	17	0	Brunet, Wash.	3	28	9.3	14
Hull, Chi.	13	44	3.4	17	0	Curran, L.A.	3	25	8.3	14

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## PASSING

(2 or more completions—less, if TD.)

## RECORDS

Most completions—228, Sonny Jurgensen, Washington (1967)

Most TD's—36, Y. A. Tittle, Giants (1963)

Most Yds.—3747, Sonny Jurgensen, Washington (1967)

Longest for TD—99 yards, Frank Filchock, Washington, to Andy Farkas (1939); George Izo, Washington, to Bobby Mitchell (1963); Carl Sweetman, Detroit, to Pat Studstill (1966); Sonny Jurgensen, Washington, to Gerry Allen (1968).

	Atts.	Comp.	Pct.	Comp.	Yds.	Gain	Tds.	Long	Had	Int.	Pct.	Avg.	Gain
Brodie, S.F.	378	223	59.9	2941	24	79	10	2.6	7.78				
Jurgensen, Wash.	337	202	59.0	2354	23	166	10	3.0	6.99				
Tarkenton, N.Y.	389	219	56.3	2777	19	59	12	3.1	7.14				
Morton, Dall.	207	102	49.3	1819	15	189	7	3.4	8.79				
Berry, Atl.	269	156	58.0	1806	16	151	13	4.8	6.71				
Gabriel, L.A.	407	211	51.8	2552	16	71	12	2.9	6.27				
Snead, Phila.	335	181	54.0	2323	15	179	20	6.0	6.93				
Munson, Det.	158	84	53.2	1049	10	56	7	4.4	6.64				
Hart, St. L.	373	171	45.8	2575	14	79	18	4.8	6.90				
Concannon, Chi.	385	194	50.4	2130	16	169	18	4.7	5.53				
Cuozzo, Minn.	257	128	49.8	1720	7	72	10	3.9	6.69				
Starr, G.B.	255	140	54.9	1645	8	165	13	5.1	6.45				
Kilmer, N.O.	237	135	57.0	1557	6	146	17	7.2	6.57				
Hargett, N.O.	175	78	44.6	1133	5	49	5	2.9	6.47				
Landry, Det.	136	83	61.0	1072	9	58	5	3.7	7.88				
Staubach, Dall.	82	44	53.7	542	2	43	8	9.8	6.61				
Johnson, Atl.	72	40	55.6	443	2	34	8	11.1	6.15				
Lee, Minn.	79	40	50.6	610	5	52	5	6.3	7.72				
Arrington, Phila.	73	37	50.7	328	1	23	3	4.1	4.49				
Horn, G.B.	76	28	36.8	428	2	189	10	13.2	5.63				
Douglass, Chi.	30	12	40.0	218	4	153	3	10.0	7.27				
Shiner, N.Y.	12	9	75.0	87	0	26	0	0.0	7.25				
Beathard, St. L.	17	7	41.2	114	2	158	1	5.9	6.71				
Sweetman, L.A.	13	6	46.2	81	1	22	0	0.0	6.23				
Patrick, G.B.	14	6	42.9	59	0	16	7	7.1	4.21				
Cappelletti, Minn.	7	4	57.1	49	0	26	0	0.0	7.00				
Spurrier, S.F.	4	3	75.0	49	1	26	0	0.0	12.25				
Norton, G.B.	5	3	60.0	64	1	129	0	0.0	12.80				
Green, Chi.	2	2	100.0	37	0	34	0	0.0	18.50				
Bull, Chi.	4	2	50.0	46	1	34	1	25.0	11.50				
Rentzel, Dall.	1	1	100.0	58	1	158	0	0.0	58.00				
Duhon, N.Y.	2	2	100.0	28	0	15	0	0.0	14.00				

Based on percent of completions, touchdown passes, percent of interceptions and average yards gained. For championship rating a player must throw at least 140 passes.

## PUNTING

## RECORDS

Most—92, Howard Maley, Boston Yanks (1947)

Best Avg. 51.3, Sammy Baugh, Washington (1940)

Longest—94 yds., Wilbur Henry, Canton (1923)

No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	Blk.
Fagan, N.O.	77	3269	42.5	64
Widby, Dall.	69	2847	41.3	59
Latourette, St.L.	65	2659	40.9	56
Green, Chi.	83	3395	40.9	0
Bragg, Wash.	61	2493	40.9	66
Anderson, GB	81	3302	40.8	62
Weaver, Det.	62	2483	40.0	65
B. Johnson, NYG	43	1700	39.5	68
Studstill, LA	67	2618	39.1	53
Lothrige, Atl.	76	2944	38.7	59
Spurrier, SF	75	2877	38.4	58
McNeill, Minn.	61	2309	37.9	64
Bradley, Phil.	61	2246	35.8	56
Koy, NYG	11	369	33.5	44
Moseley, Phil.	10	350	35.0	56
Livingston, GB	6	199	33.2	52
Lyle, Chi.	1	29	29.0	0

Based on average punt—Minimum 35 punts.

## PUNT RETURNS

(3 or more returns)

## RECORDS

Most—53, Alvin Haymond, Los Angeles (1970)

Most Yds.—555, Bill Grimes, G. B. (1950)

Longest—98 yards, Gil Le Febvre, Cinn. (1933)

Charley West, Minn. (1968)

No.	F.C.	Yards	Avg.	Long	Td.
B. Taylor, SF	43	10	516	12.0	76
Mallory, Alt.	17	3	203	11.9	75
Barney, Det.	25	3	259	10.4	65
McCauley, Alt.	14	9	138	9.9	77
Dodd, N.O.	14	3	129	9.2	41
Duhon, NYG	19	13	157	8.3	145
Hayes, Dall.	15	7	116	7.7	34
Haymond, LA	53	15	376	7.1	30
Cole, Chi.	14	1	83	5.9	15
West, Minn.	29	9	169	5.8	53
Latourette, St. L.	30	12	171	5.7	16
Walk, Phil.	20	8	78	3.9	16
Smith, Chi.	33	1	126	3.8	15
Harris, Wash.	14	3	10	0.7	8
Renfro, Dall.	13	6	77	5.9	29
Wood, GB	11	18	58	5.3	12
Roland, S. L.	10	10	140	14.0	74
Roberts, Wash.	10	6	28	2.8	9
Hawkins, Phil.	10	2	16	1.6	8
Lyle, Chi.	9	3	37	4.1	13
Lockhart, NYG	9	9	31	3.4	10
Alexander, L.A.	7	1	38	5.4	49
Ellis, GB	7	0	27	3.9	8
Grim, Minn.	5	5	46	9.2	24
Lyons, NO	5	3	34	6.8	27
Howard, NO	5	0	14	2.8	5
Adkins, Dall.	4	2	44	11.0	24
Fuller, SF	4	2	29	7.3	12
Eddy, Det.	4	5	25	6.3	10
Hollas, NO	4	6	22	5.5	11
T. Williams, GB	4	2	20	5.0	11
Vaughn, Det.	3	5	22	7.3	14
Freeman, Atl.	3	1	15	5.0	7

Based on average return—Minimum 14 returns.

## AFC RECORDS

## SCORING

## RECORDS

Points—155, Cappelletti, Boston (1964)

TD's—19, Haynes, Dallas (1962)

FG's—34, J. Turner, N.Y. Jets (1968)

XP—64, Blanda, Houston (1961)

	Td.	Td.	R. P.	XP	FG	FGA	Pts	Tot
Stenerud, K.C.	0	0	26	33	25	42	116	
Muhlemann, Cin.	0	0	31	22	29	37	108	
Yepremian, Mia.	0	0	36	19	34	93		
O'Brien, Balt.	0	0	28	19	35	85		
Turner, N.Y.	0	0	36	16	29	84		
Blanda, Oak.	0	0	27	18	32	81		
Howfield, Den.	0	0	23	18	32	77		
Gerela, Hou.	0	0	23	18	32	77		
Garrison, S.D.	0	12	0	0	0	0	72	
Cockcroft, Clev.	0	0	34	12	22	70		
Mercer, S.D.	0	7	4	0	0	0	66	
Scott, Clev.	0	11	0	0	0	0	66	
Wells, Oak.	0	2	0	0	0	0	54	
Fuqua, Pitt.	0	0	24	10	19	54		
Guthrie, Buff.	0	8	0	0	0	0	48	
Frazier, S.D.	1	6	0	0	0	0	48	
Kelly, Clev.	6	2	0	0	0	0	48	
Biletnikoff, Oak.	0	7	0	0	0	0	42	
Chester, Oak.	0	7	0	0	0	0	42	
Hinton, Balt.	2	5	0	0	0	0	42	
Jefferson, Balt.	0	7	0	0	0	0	42	
Nance, Bos.	7	0	0	0	0	0	42	
Robinson, Cin.	6	1	0	0	0	0	42	
Crenshaw, Den.	5	1	0	0	0	0	36	
Csonka, Mia.	6	0	0	0	0	0	36	
Knick, Mia.	6	0	0	0	0	0	36	
Simpson, Buff.	5	1	0	0	0	0	36	
Warfield, Mia.	0	6	0	0	0	0	36	
Mingo, Pitt.	0	0	17	5	18	32		
Boozier, N.Y.	5	0	0	0	0	0	30	
Cappelletti, Bos.	0	0	12	6	15	30		
Hayes, K.C.	5	0	0	0	0	0	30	
LeVias, Hou.	4	1	0	0	0	0	30	
Phillips, Cin.	4	1	0	0	0	0	30	
Smith, Oak.	3	2	0	0	0	0	30	
Twilley, Mia.	0	5	0	0	0	0	30	
Alworth, S.D.	0	4	0	0	0	0	24	
Anderson, Den.	4	0	0	0	0	0	24	
Collins, Clev.	0	4	0	0	0	0	24	
Garrett, Bos.	4	0	0	0	0	0	24	
Holmes, K.C.	3	1	0	0	0	0	24	
E. Johnson, Cin.	2	2	0	0	0	0	24	
Mitchell, Balt.	0	4	0	0	0	0	24	
Podolak, K.C.	3	1	0	0	0	0	24	
Sauer, N.Y.	0	4	0	0	0	0	24	
Sellers, Bos.	0	4	0	0	0	0	24	
Shanklin, Pitt.	0	4	0	0	0	0	24	
Watson, Pitt.	0	7	5	10	10	22		
Bulaich, Balt.	3	0	0	0	0	0	18	
Caster, N.Y.	0	3	0	0	0	0	18	
Hopkins, Hou.	0	3	0	0	0	0	18	
Hughes, Pitt.	0	3	0	0	0	0	18	
Joiner, Hou.	0	3	0	0	0	0	18	
Little, Den.	0	3	0	0	0	0	18	
Mackey, Balt.</								



FLOYD LITTLE, Denver, led AFC rushers.

	Td.	Td.	XP	FG	FGA	Tot
	R.	P.				
Gogolak, Bos.	0	0	5	2	7	11
Andrews, Clev.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Arbanas, K.C.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Barnes, Clev.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Beatty, Pitt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Btauchamp, Cin.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Beirne, Hou.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Bell, K.C.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Bradshaw, Pitt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Byrd, Buff.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Campbell, Hou.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Chandler, Buff.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Coslet, Cin.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Detwiler, S.D.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Duncan, Balt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Enyart, Buff.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Gardin, Balt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Granger, Hou.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Grant, Balt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Grantham, N.Y.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Hadi, S.D.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Haffner, Den.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Hendricks, Balt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Hubbard, Oak.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Hoak, Pitt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Knief, Bos.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Hubbert, S.D.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Lindsey, Clev.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Liske, Den.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Lynch, Den.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Mandich, Mia.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Mercein, N.Y.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Minnear, Clev.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Mitchell, Mia.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Morin, Clev.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Morris, Mia.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Morrison, Clev.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Myers, Cin.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Noonan, Mia.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Nowatzke, Balt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Pastrana, Den.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Pate, Buff.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Patrick, Buff.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Peacock, Hou.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Perkins, Balt.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Post, S.D.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Rhome, Hou.	1	0	0	0	0	6
W. Richardson, Mia.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Robinson, K.C.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Scott, Mia.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Snell, N.Y.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Staggers, Pitt.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Stroud, K.C.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Tappen, N.Y.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Thomas, N.Y.	1	0	0	0	0	6
White, N.Y.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Wyatt, Oak.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Kremser, Mia.	0	0	2	0	1	2
Safeties—Johnson, Reynolds, Snidow, Clev; Washington & team, Den; Pritchard, Hou; Elliott, NYJ; Owens, S.D.						

## RUSHING

(25 or more yards)

## RECORDS

Most—299, Jim Nance, Boston (1966)  
 Most yds.—1458, Jim Nance, Boston (1966)  
 Most TD's—13, Cookie Gilchrist, Buffalo (1962)  
 13, Abner Haynes, Dallas (1962)

	Atts	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Little, Den.	209	901	4.3	t80	3
Csonka, Mia.	193	874	4.5	t53	6
Dixon, Oak.	197	861	4.4	t39	1
Podolak, K.C.	168	749	4.5	t65	3
Fuqua, Pitt.	138	691	5.0	t85	
Smith, Oak.	168	681	4.1	t24	3
Kiick, Mia.	191	658	3.4	t56	6
Kelly, Clev.	206	656	3.2	t33	6
Phillips, Cin.	163	648	4.0	t76	
Scott, Clev.	151	625	4.1	t63	7
Robinson, Cin.	149	622	4.2	t26	6
Boozer, N.Y.	139	581	4.2	t27	5
Nance, Bos.	145	522	3.6	t21	2
Dawkins, Hou.	124	517	4.2	t49	2
Pearson, Pitt.	173	503	2.9	t30	2
Simpson, Buff.	120	488	4.1	t56	
Bulaich, Balt.	139	426	3.1	t15	3
Morris, Mia.	60	409	6.8	t40	5
Nock, N.Y.	135	402	3.0	t19	5
Hayes, K.C.	109	381	3.5	t22	
Anderson, Den.	83	368	4.4	t27	4
Richardson, Hou.	103	368	3.6	t34	2
Snell, N.Y.	64	281	4.4	t19	1
E. Johnson, Cin.	65	273	4.2	t26	2

	Atts	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.		Atts	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Garrett, Bos.	88	272	3.1	t26	4	Todd, Oak.	17	39	2.3	t13	0
Queen, S.D.	77	261	3.4	t19	1	LeVias, Hou.	7	37	5.3	t24	0
McVea, K.C.	61	260	4.3	t34	0	Lamb, Cin.	6	35	5.8	t16	0
Patrick, Buff.	66	259	3.9	t20	1	Wells, Oak.	3	34	11.3	t14	0
Nowatzke, Balt.	73	248	3.4	t14	1	Darragh, Buff.	1	26	26.0	t26	0
Carter, Cin.	34	246	7.2	t73	2	Livingston, K.C.	3	26	8.7	t16	0
Hubbard, Oak.	51	246	4.8	t25	1	Bryant, Pitt.	3	25	8.3	t24	0
Bradshaw, Pitt.	32	233	7.3	t22	1	Wilburn, Pitt.	5	25	5.0	t10	0
Post, S.D.	74	225	3.0	t18	0						
White, N.Y.	70	215	3.1	t16	0						
Shaw, Buff.	39	210	5.4	t20	1						
Maitland, Balt.	74	209	2.8	t24	1						
Garrett, K.C.-S.D.	67	208	3.1	t22	1						
Hopkins, Hou.	57	207	3.6	t12	3						
Holmes, K.C.	63	206	3.3	t22	3						
Crenshaw, Den.	69	200	2.9	t25	5						
Enyart, Buff.	58	196	3.4	t17	0						
Campbell, Hou.	59	189	3.2	t28	1						
Hadi, S.D.	28	188	6.7	t34	1						
Hubbert, S.D.	49	175	3.6	t11	1						
Morrison, Clev.	73	175	2.4	t18	0						
Granger, Hou.	51	169	3.3	t15	1						
R. Smith, S.D.	52	163	3.1	t21	3						
Pate, Buff.	46	162	3.5	t18	1						
Havrilak, Balt.	54	159	2.9	t26	0						
Bankston, Pitt.	26	122	4.7	t31	2						
Frazier, S.D.	5	120	24.0	t70	0						
Wyche, Cin.	19	118	6.2	t23	2						
Hill, Balt.	36	115	3.2	t15	1						
Hoak, Pitt.	40	115	2.9	t13	1						
Jones, Buff.	31	113	3.6	t17	1						
Woodall, N.Y.	28	110	3.9	t27	0						
Turner, Den.	29	106	3.7	t14	2						
Lawson, Bos.	56	99	1.8	t15	0						
Phipps, Clev.	11	94	8.5	t26	0						
Pastrana, Den.	14	89	6.4	t14	1						
Griese, Mia.	26	89	3.4	t16	0						
Pitts, K.C.	5	84	16.8	t42	0						
Foster, S.D.	32	84	2.6	t15	0						
Lynch, Den.	20	81	4.1	t19	1						
Dressler, Cin.	18	77	4.3	t17	0						
Banaszak, Oak.	21	75	3.6	t16	2						
Kapp, Bos.	20	71	3.6	t14	0						
Hinton, Balt.	5	58	11.6	t21	2						
Rhume, Hou.	9	54	6.0	t11	1						
Jefferson, Balt.	4	47	11.8	t19	0						
Dawson, K.C.	11	46	4.2	t21	0						
Blanks, Bos.	13	44	3.4	t12	0						
Mercein, N.Y.	20	44	2.2	t10	0						
Matte, Balt.	12	43	3.6	t16	0						
Liske, Den.	7	42	6.0	t14	1						
D. Smith, S.D.	14	42	3.0	t15	0						
Minnear, Clev.	12	39	3.3	t9	1						
Domres, S.D.	14	39	2.8	t7	0						

## PASS RECEIVING

(10 or more—Less if TD)

RECORDS
Most caught—101, Ch. Hennigan, Houston (1964)
Most yds.—1746, Ch. Hennigan, Houston (1961)
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## PASSING

(4 or more completions—Less if TD.)

## RECORDS

Most completions—262, George Blanda, Houston (1964)

Most TD's—36, George Blanda, Houston (1961)

Most Yds.—4,007, Joe Namath, N.Y. Jets (1967)

Longest—98 yds. (TD) Jack Lee, Houston, to Dewey (1962)

	Atts.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	Gain	Tds.	Long	Int.	Had	Pct.	Avg.
Lamonica, Oak.	356	179	50.3	2516	22	60	15	4.2	7.07		
Hadi, S.D.	327	162	49.5	2388	22	67	15	4.6	7.30		
Griese, Mia.	245	142	58.0	2019	12	54	17	6.9	8.24		
Shaw, Buff.	321	178	55.5	2507	10	48	20	6.2	7.81		
Dawson, K.C.	262	141	53.8	1876	13	161	14	5.3	7.16		
Nelsen, Clev.	313	159	50.8	2156	16	78	16	5.1	6.89		
Unitas, Balt.	321	166	51.7	2213	14	155	18	5.6	6.89		
Carter, Cin.	278	143	51.4	1647	9	156	9	3.2	5.92		
Woodall, N.Y.	188	96	51.1	1265	9	67	9	4.8	6.73		
C. Johnson, Hou.	281	144	51.2	1652	7	163	12	4.3	5.88		
Rhyme, Hou.	168	88	52.4	1031	5	87	8	4.8	6.14		
Namath, N.Y.	179	90	50.3	1259	5	72	12	6.7	7.03		
Liske, Den.	238	112	47.1	1340	7	74	11	4.6	5.63		
Hannatty, Pitt.	163	64	39.3	842	5	72	8	4.9	5.17		
Bradshaw, Pitt.	218	83	38.1	1410	6	87	24	11.0	6.47		
Taliaferro, Bos.	173	78	45.1	871	4	45	11	6.4	5.03		
Kapp, Bos.	219	98	44.7	1104	3	48	17	7.8	5.04		
Morrall, Balt.	93	51	54.8	792	9	44	4	4.3	8.52		
Tensi, Den.	80	38	47.5	539	3	42	8	10.0	6.74		
Blanda, Oak.	55	29	52.7	461	6	144	5	9.1	8.38		
Phipps, Clev.	60	29	48.3	529	1	153	5	8.3	8.82		
Pastrana, Den.	75	29	38.7	420	1	158	9	12.0	5.60		
Domes, S.D.	55	28	50.9	491	2	80	4	7.3	8.93		
Wyche, Cin.	57	26	45.6	411	3	51	2	3.5	7.21		
Harris, Buff.	50	24	48.0	338	3	32	4	8.0	6.76		
Stofa, Mia.	53	16	30.2	240	3	152	2	3.8	4.53		
Livingston, K.C.	22	11	50.0	122	0	31	1	4.5	5.55		
Darragh, Buff.	29	11	37.9	71	0	19	2	6.9	2.45		
Davis, N.Y.	17	6	35.3	66	0	16	0	0.0	3.88		
Naponic, Hou.	20	6	30.0	85	0	21	2	10.0	4.25		
Anderson, Den.	7	4	57.1	59	0	25	0	0.0	8.43		
Hoak, Pitt.	2	2	100.0	40	1	127	0	0.0	20.00		

Standing based on percent of completions, touchdown passes, percent of interceptions and average gain per attempt. To qualify for title a player must throw at least 140 passes.

## RECEIVING CONTINUED

No. Yds. Avg. Lng. Tds.

Boozer, N.Y.	28	258	9.2	33	0
Collins, Clev.	26	351	13.5	28	4
Podolak, K.C.	26	307	11.8	159	1
Hayes, K.C.	26	219	8.4	28	0
Garrett, Bos.	26	216	8.3	29	0
Nance, Bos.	26	148	5.7	16	0
Lammons, N.Y.	25	316	12.6	30	2
Hughes, Pitt.	24	332	13.8	72	3
Kelly, Clev.	24	311	13.0	55	2
Fuqua, Pitt.	23	289	12.6	157	2
Holmes, K.C.	23	173	7.5	31	1
Smith, Oak.	23	173	7.5	127	2
Twilley, Mia.	22	281	12.8	123	5
Thomas, Cin.	21	257	12.2	27	2
Bell, N.Y.	21	246	11.7	26	2
Mitchell, Balt.	20	261	13.1	44	4
Queen, S.D.	20	236	11.8	165	1
Glass, Clev.	19	403	21.2	178	2
Caster, N.Y.	19	393	20.7	172	3
Crabtree, Cin.	19	231	12.2	29	2
Pate, Buff.	19	103	5.4	21	0
Sherman, Oak.	18	285	15.8	32	0
Fleming, Mia.	18	205	11.4	36	0
Nock, N.Y.	18	146	8.1	21	1
Crenshaw, Den.	18	105	5.8	35	1
Haik, Hou.	17	190	11.2	35	0
Robinson, Cin.	17	175	10.3	27	1
Little, Den.	17	161	9.5	39	0
Van Heusen, Den.	16	382	23.9	74	2
Beirne, Hou.	16	216	13.5	25	1
Patrick, Buff.	16	142	8.9	38	0
Nowatzke, Balt.	16	93	5.8	17	0
E. Johnson, Cin.	15	190	12.7	151	2
Brown, Bos.	15	145	9.7	22	0
Dawkins, Hou.	15	94	6.3	17	0
Campbell, Hou.	15	78	5.2	10	0
Denney, Buff.	14	201	14.4	31	0
Hopkins, Hou.	14	142	10.1	43	0
Havrilak, Balt.	14	141	10.1	33	0
Garret, K.C.-S.D.	14	131	9.4	144	1
Post, S.D.	13	113	8.7	30	0
Haffner, Den.	12	196	16.3	128	1
Morris, Mia.	12	149	12.4	50	0
White, N.Y.	12	125	10.4	19	1
Pitts, K.C.	11	172	15.6	154	2
Beer, Bos.	11	150	13.6	25	0
Bulaich, Balt.	11	123	11.2	20	0
Granger, Hou.	11	118	10.7	22	0
Lawson, Bos.	11	113	10.3	19	0
Csonka, Mia.	11	94	8.5	54	0
Orr, Balt.	10	199	19.9	29	2
Perkins, Balt.	10	194	19.4	41	1
Noonan, Mia.	10	186	18.6	51	1
H. Jones, Clev.	10	141	14.1	43	1
Simpson, Buff.	10	139	13.9	36	0
Foster, S.D.	10	92	9.2	48	0
Masters, Den.	9	83	9.2	18	2
Maitland, Balt.	9	67	7.4	13	1
Arbanas, K.C.	8	108	13.5	126	1
Coslet, Cin.	8	98	12.3	24	1
Grate, Buff.	7	147	21.0	32	2
Cannon, K.C.	7	125	17.9	45	2
W. Richardson, Mia.	7	67	9.6	27	1
Staggers, Pitt.	6	118	19.7	31	1
Mitchell, Mia.	6	85	14.2	136	1
Richardson, K.C.	5	171	34.2	61	2
Morrison, Clev.	5	95	19.0	53	1
Stroud, K.C.	4	86	21.5	150	1
Krief, Bos.	3	39	13.0	122	1
Mercein, N.Y.	3	27	9.0	115	1
Mandich, Mia.	1	3	3.0	13	1

## RECORDS (2 or more—less if touchdown)

Most—12, Fred Glick, Houston (1963)  
 12, Dainard Paulson, Jets (1964)  
 Most TD's—3, Dick Harris, San Diego (1961)  
 3, Miller Farr, Houston (1967)

## INTERCEPTIONS

(2 or more—less if touchdown)

Robinson, K.C.	10	155	15.5	57	0
Anderson, Mia.	8	191	23.9	86	0
Hicks, N.Y.	8	99	12.4	35	0
Calland, Pitt.	7	38	5.4	21	0
Martha, Den.	6	99	16.5	50	0
Logan, Balt.	6	92	15.3	133	2
Moore, Hou.	6	85	14.2	32	0
Scott, Mia.	5	112	22.4	47	0
Thomas, K.C.	5	87	17.4	39	0
Barnes, Clev.	5	85	17.0	138	1
M. Curtis, Balt.	5	50	10.0	18	0
Richardson, Buff.	5	46	9.2	22	0
Mumphord, Mia.	5	35	7.0	145	1
Parrish, Cin.	5	28	5.6	19	0
McCloughan, Oak.	5	5	1.0	5	0
Summer, Clev.	4	85	21.3	34	0
Byrd, Buff.	4	63	15.8	33	1
Volk, Balt.	4	61	15.3	31	0
Allen, Pitt.	4	48	12.0	30	0
Kearney, K.C.	4	28	7.0	15	0
Marsalis, K.C.	4	26	6.5	26	0
Greer, Den.	4	20	5.0	15	0
Riley, Cin.	4	17	4.3	14	0
Russell, Pitt.	3	64	21.3	37	0
Bell, K.C.	3	57	19.0	145	1
Stukes, Balt.	3	52	17.3	47	0
Grantham, N.Y.	3	51	17.0	171	1
Atkinson, N.Y.	3	50	16.7	32	0
Summer, Clev.	3	45	15.0	22	0
Dyer, Cin.	3	40	13.3	27	0
Lynch, K.C.	3	35	11.7	22	0
Atkinson, Oak.	3	35	11.7	26	0
Bergey, Cin.	3	35	11.7	26	0
Houston, Hou.	3	32	10.7	9	0
Graham, Cin.	3	31	10.3	31	0
Johnson, Mia.	3	29	9.7	21	0
Rowlett, Pitt.	3	27	9.0	12	0
Gordon, Den.	3	26	8.7	24	0
Peacock, Hou.	3	24	8.0	12	0
Barnes, S.D.	3	22	7.3	15	0
Smith, Cin.	3	17	5.7	17	0
Holloman, N.Y.	3	11	3.7	8	0
Brown, Oak.	3	0	0.0	0	0
Lindsey, Clev.	2	65	32.5	155	1
Mitchell, Hou.	2	35	17.5	35	0
Pritchard, Hou.	2	28	14.0	17	0
Warren, Oak.	2	26	13.0	26	0
Howard, S.D.	2	19	9.5	19	0
Tolbert, S.D.	2	19	9.5	19	0
Beatty, Pitt.	2	49	24.5	130	1
Thomas, N.Y.	2	46	23.0	136	1
Grant, Balt.	2	39	19.5	127	1
Mitchell, Hou.	2	35	17.5	35	0
Pritchard, Hou.	2	28	14.0	17	0
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Tannen, N.Y.	2	16	8.0	16	0
Hillebrand, Pitt.	2	14	7.0	14	0
Baker, N.Y.	2	8	4.0	8	0
Wilson, Oak.	2	7	3.5	7	0
Lanier, K.C.	2	2	1.0	2	0
Chandler, Buff.	1	59	59.0	159	1
Andrews, Clev.	1	25	25.0	125	1

## RECORDS

Most—105, Bob Scarritt (1967)

Best Avg.—46.2, Daves Lewis, Cin. (1970)

Longest—98 yds., Steve O'Neal, New York, (1969)

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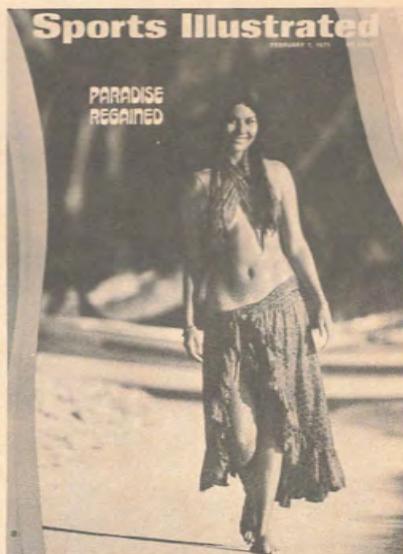
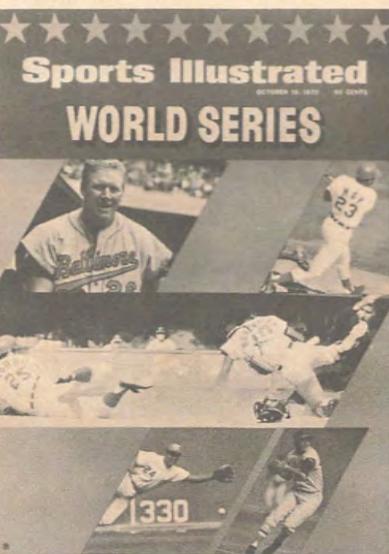
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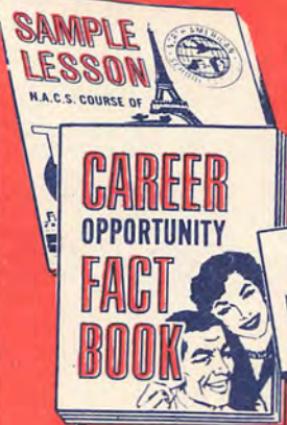
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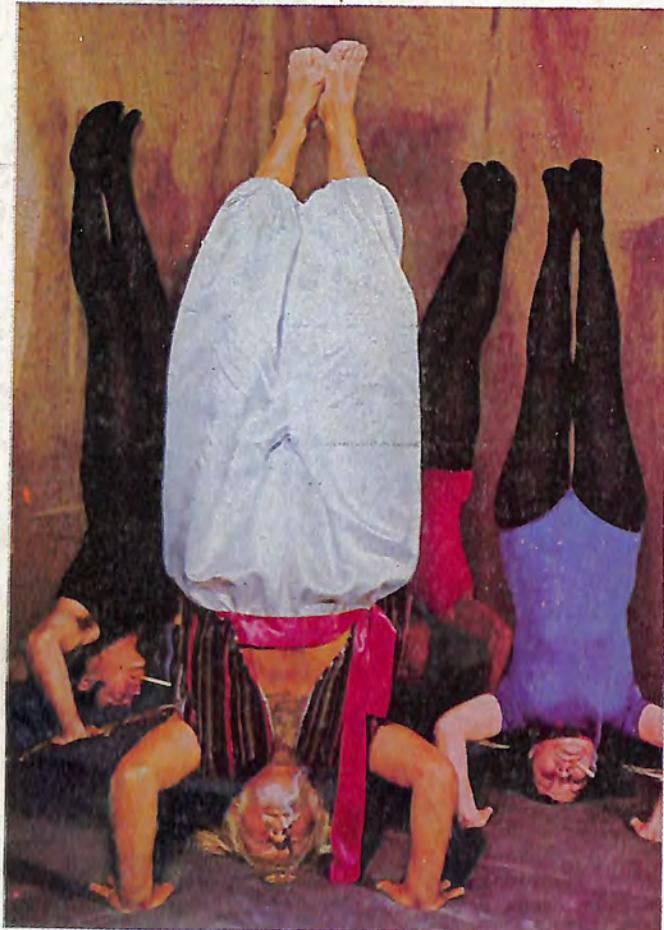
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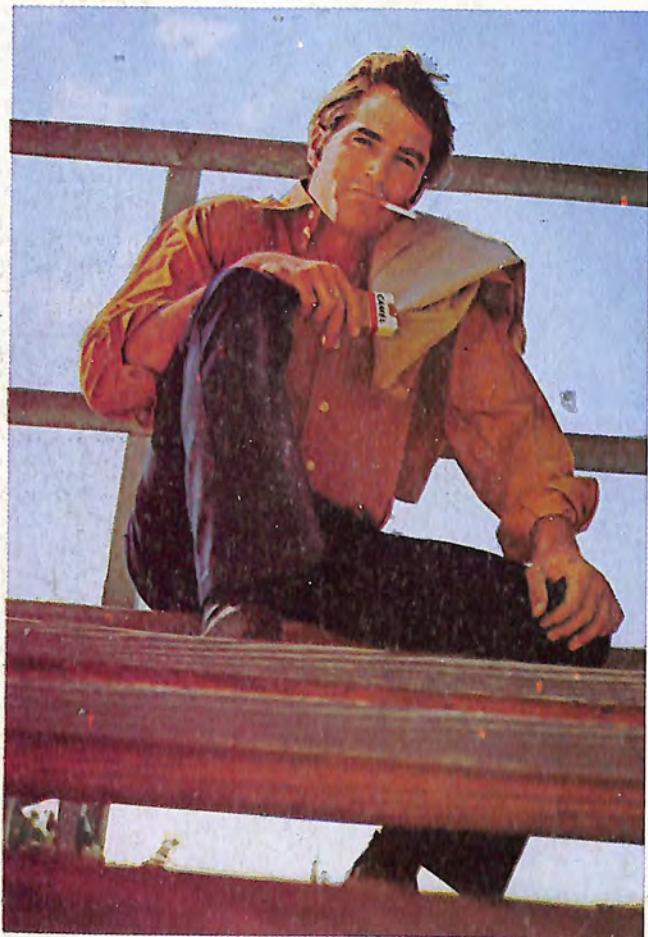
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